

Blast ends ceasefire

Adams blames British leaders

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100 people and thrust North-ern Ireland back into political After one hour of shock and hectic checking with the secu-rity forces, Prime Minister

John Major attacked the bombing as "an appalling out-rage". He called upon Sinn Fein and the IRA to condemn unequivocally those who planted the bomb near South Quay railway station on the Isle of Dogs, and any sugges-tion that the ceasefire is over.



The Sinn Fein president, Gerry Adams, appeared to ac-cept that the IRA ceasefire had ended when he said that he regretted that "an unprecedented opportunity for peace has floundered on the refusal of the British government and Unionist leaders to enter into dialogue and substantive

negotiations." Mr Adams appealed for calm, and also hinted at a split by saying Sinn Fein's peace strategy remains the main function of the party and his personal priority. An hour-and-a-half after the

blast, there was a report of a second device and fire offi-

cers were withdrawn. Five people were seriously injured in the blast — two with "major" and three with "serious" injuries - and there were reported to be 100

"walking wounded", includ-ing a five-year-old girl with facial injuries. Two of the most seriously injured are police officers. The bomb had heen planted in an under-mound arrange in a situation ground garage in a six-storey office block.

No one within Sinn Fein inimediately supported the houbing, but the warning message to a Dublin news-paper came with an authentic IRA code. Earlier in the day, Mr Adams had taken calls from the public on BBC Radio in Belfast. His message was that political talks were the

way shead. David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, said: "If ment had been received. Scotland Yard said that there has been a resumption of violence then it has clearly they had been informed of the threat by a number of news been done in order to try and prevent elections in Northern Ireland. It is incredible that agencies in Ireland and on the mainland, and attempts had been made to evacuate the area. Twenty fire engines and people who, for the last 18 months, have been telling us they want to move into the patched to the scene. democratic process should be resorting to violence. loc Hendron, the SDLP's

MP for Belfast West, told Sky News: "I know that Gerry Adams on local radio was saymg that the ceasefire was total and permanent. I suspect that this is perhaps a breakaway group from the IRA."

Dr Hendron accused the British government of "play-ing with fire" over the Mitchell Report on decommissioning terrorist weapons, but said the people of North-ern Ireland would be numbed that the IRA was back. by the reported end of the

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Fire services arrive at the scone of the explosion rity, told Channel 4 News: "I lies and the emergency ser-suppose I spent 18 months vices. We will pursue releat-hoping against hope that I lessly those responsible for was wrong when I predicted this ceasefire was nothing but an attempt by the IRA and this disgraceful attack. "It would be a tragedy if the bopes of the people of Britain and Northern Ireland for last-ing peace were dashed again by the men of violence. This Sinn Fein to open a window of opportunity for those who

have the support of just 4.8 per cent of the entire North-ern Ireland electorate. Sadly, my hopes and the hopes of thousands have been dashed by whet has have been dashed atrocity confirms again the urgent need to remove llegal arms from the equation." Mr Major was joined by the Labour leader, Tony Blair, who condemend the bombing by what has happened." The first hint that the ceasefire was about to end come when Scotland Yard as a sickening outrage, while the Liberal Democrat leader, received warnings from news agencies and Sky Television at 5.41pm that a coded state-

Paddy Ashdown, said it means the IRA has moved against the popular will of the Irish people, North and South. The Irish prime minister. John Bruton, condemned the bombing as "entirely unjustified". There were reports that windows in buildings as far as seven miles away had been

shaken by the explosion. 80 firefighters were des-Many of the injured were taken to the Royal London Hospital about three miles

The message warned that the IRA had "with great reluctance" decided that the from Canary Wharf. But Jac queline Cardiff, the hospital's "complete cossation of violence" would end at open last night. Other news agencies in Ireland and London received general manager, said heavy traffic was delaying treat ment. "We were told to expect 100 walking wounded and six serious cases," she said. One warnings that a bomb had been planted at South Quay man was in theatre with seri-

railways station. Within an hour, the threat had been realised. Moments after 7pm a blast that could be therefore a state and bruises. Linda Holmes, co-owner of the Tradewinds wine bar heard throughout east and north-east London announced about 200 yards from the explosion, said: "The blast

In his statement, Mr Major said: "This is an appalling censofire. Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist spokesman on secu-with the casualties, their fam-and our customers all bent

over to shield themselves from the flying glass. We can't understand why the police didn't tell us before hand so we could vacate the building." Last night, a substantial area of Docklands was cor-

doaed off amid reports of a large gas leak in the area. Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, said; "I regret that the British gov-ernment did not realise that terrorists are terrorists, and until they bring forth fruits for repentance they cannot be trusted. Unfortunately the British government trusted them and those of us who said, 'Be cautious, take care, watch, be wary, don't lower your guard' were labelled as inti-peace men.

The Ulster Unionist Roy Beggs, MP for Antrim East, said that even if the statement and the bomb were the work of a splinter group, that was not important.

"It's of no significance whether it is the action of a splinter group or otherwise, It's a very serious situation that has now been created."

Weekend

The IRA bomb damaged the Guardian's printing plant on the Isle of Dogs, with the result that publication was impossible in London last night. Some papers are missing Weekend and Guide as a result. We apologise to readers.Bomb latest on ourinternet site on //



Major's statement

JOHN MAJOR last night condemned the Canary Wharf bomb. In a state-ment, he said; "This is an Northern Ireland for lasting peace were dashed again by the men of violence. This atrocity conappalling outrage. My first thoughts are with the casualties, their families and the cmergency services. We will pursue releatlessly those responsible for this

disgraceful attack. "Sinn Fein had given assurances time and time again that they were com-mitted to peaceful progress. I now call on the leadership of Sinn Fein and the IRA to condemn immediately and on everyone — including unequivocally those who Sinn Fein — to condemn planted this bomb. It would be a tragedy if the ties must at once return to hopes of the people of Brit- the peace process,"

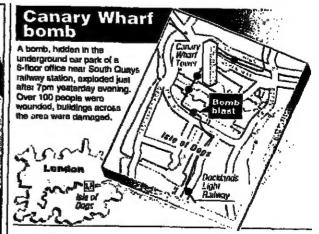
for lasting peace were dashed again by the men of violence. This atrocity confirms again the urgent need to remove illegal arms from

the equation. tance that the leadership announces that the com-"For my part, I remain committed to the search for plete cessation of military peace in Northern Ireland." Labour leader Tony Blair operations will end at 6pm

on February 9. sald: "I atterly condemn this sickening outrage, My "As we stated on August 31, 1994, the basis for cessasympathy goes to the vic-tims. There can be no justiion was to enhance the democratic peace process and to underline our definifleation whatsoever for a return to terrorism. I call tive commitment to its success. We also made it clear that we believed an opportunity to create a just and lasting settlement had been created.

"The cessation presented

SKY TV



IRA statement'

HE full text of the stateish government acted in bad faith, with Mr Major ment supposedly from the IRA and telephoned to RTE in Dublin last night and the Unionist leaders squandering this opportu-nity to resolve the conflict. read: "It is with great reluc-

"Time and again over the last 18 months, selfish party political and sec-tional interests in the London parliament have been placed before the rights of the people of Ireland.

"We take the opportunity to reiterate our total commitment to our republican objectives. The resolution of the conflict in our country demands justice.

"It demands an inclusive negotiated settlement. That is not possible unless and until the British govern-ment faces up to its responsibilities.

an historic challenge for everyone, and the IRA com-mended the leaderships of ure thus far of the Irish nationalist Ireland at home and abroad. They rose to the challenge. The British government." government." The statement

"Instead of embracing the peace process, the Brit-declarations, "P. O'Neill",

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Home Affairs Editor

YRA HINDLEY. the moors murderer, accepts that she will not be moved to an open prison because of the practical difficulties involved, despite a recommendation backing the idea from the Parole Board.

from the Parole Board. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is expected to reject the Parole Board's ad-vice to move Hindley, aged 54. from Durham high security prison when he makes his final decision early next nonth. The Parole Board is chaired

by Lord Belstead, a former Conservative leader of the House of Lords, and is made up of judges, psychiatrists, probation officers, and lay members. Its official guidelines stress it must place the emphasis on "the risk aspect" in any decision to move a prisoner to low-security

conditions. Mr Roward will make his detailed examination of the Hindley files later this month when he also decides whether to confirm Lord Waddington's 1990 ruling that she should spend the rest of her life in

Friends of Myra Hindley made clear yesterday that while she would prefer a different prison regime to that in force in the special high security wing at Durham, she recognises that it is impractical for her to be moved to a low security jail — in part be-cause of the problem of press intrusion.

no decision. He could fully understand the reaction of The three open women's prisons - East Sutton Park the families of the children York, and Drake's Hall, to look at the case "as I would Staffordshire - allow their any individual prisoner".

Midday today

The weather in Europe

Martyn Halsall inmates to move around and Tom Sharratt freely without being guarded. Sometimes they are allowed

outside the prison grounds. Prisoners in open jails are judged not to be an escape risk or a threat to the public. The Parole Board was asked by the Home Secretary they call it Manchester a visitor from Hamburg in to consider whether Hindley, and other life sentence mur-1799

derers who have served more than 20 years, should be transferred to open prisons. It was part of a package of changes which included tell-ing the prisoners whether or ing the prisoners whether or not they would ever be released, following a House of Lords judgment. It is not known if the Parole Board has advised Mr Howard to drought-stricken Majorca transfer any other mandatory life prisoners. The board's decision to recommend that Hindley should be moved was greeted

by those who have campaigned for her release as the first official recognition of than half.

In December Hindley wrote a 5,000-word article in the Guardian admitting she was more culpable than Ian Brady for the child killings but claiming she was no longer from a mere 360mm (14in). the "evil creature" she was 30

years ago. Tory MPs saw the decision Harry Croft, operations direc tor of North West Water, anas an indictment of "liberal attitudes" within the Parole nounced yesterday, during an unaccustomed shower. "There is now little chance of Board. John Carlisle, MP for Luton North, called it "an ap-palling decision and typical of reservoirs filling up before the Parole Board". Mr Howard confirmed yes-

its driest period for 70 years, claim meteorologists. It is 50 years since 10 such consecutive dry months threatened Manchester's streaming repu tation, and brought stand-

Officially Manchester is third in the national rain league tables, after Cardiff

"In Manchester continuously rainy weather prevails for most of the the time; and when it will not stop raining in London weather" - Philip Nemnich.

ANCHESTER, the "rainy city", was yes-terday re-christened the driest city in Western Europe as a deluge of statistics announced its driest period in living memory. Sun-drenched Madrid, Rome, Athens — and even a have all had better reasons to raise umbrellas than Manchester in the last 10 months.

A soggy Malta, at the summit of an international saturation table, had 140 per cent of its average rainfall, while Man-chester received little more

The city can normally exthis period, but since the drought began Mancunians have had to run for shelter "This is the severest

the summer." The city has been enduring

pipes to the streets.

shadow area, protected from many potential drenchings by the Welsh mountains, the Pennines and the Peak District. However, he was not prepared to put global warming in the dock. "Any scientist will tell you that you can't go

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some respite, North West Water announced a raft of ex-tended emergency measures and another £15 million of expenditure to counter waste Meanwhile, Anthony Goldstone, chairman of the customer services committee of North West Ofwat, criticised

for showers and longer peri-ods of rain across the Northwest this weekend, which would begin transforming the Pennine reservoirs. These are now only 20 per cent full, compared with 98 per cent a

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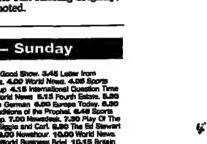
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could point to an amused Queen Victoria, when she became the first Enigish mon-arch to brave the place in 1851.

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drought in living memory." Outside Manchester Town Hall billboards proclaim the new status of a city haunted in the past by a reputation for rainfall and Belfast, said the Met Office. The drought had taken an unaccustomed hold on Manchester because of a rare run of south-east winds,

rather than the customary westerlies. Joe Buchdahl, a climate expert based at Manchester's Metropolitan University, said that the city's weather station, at the airport, was ef-

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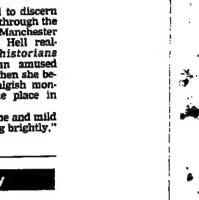
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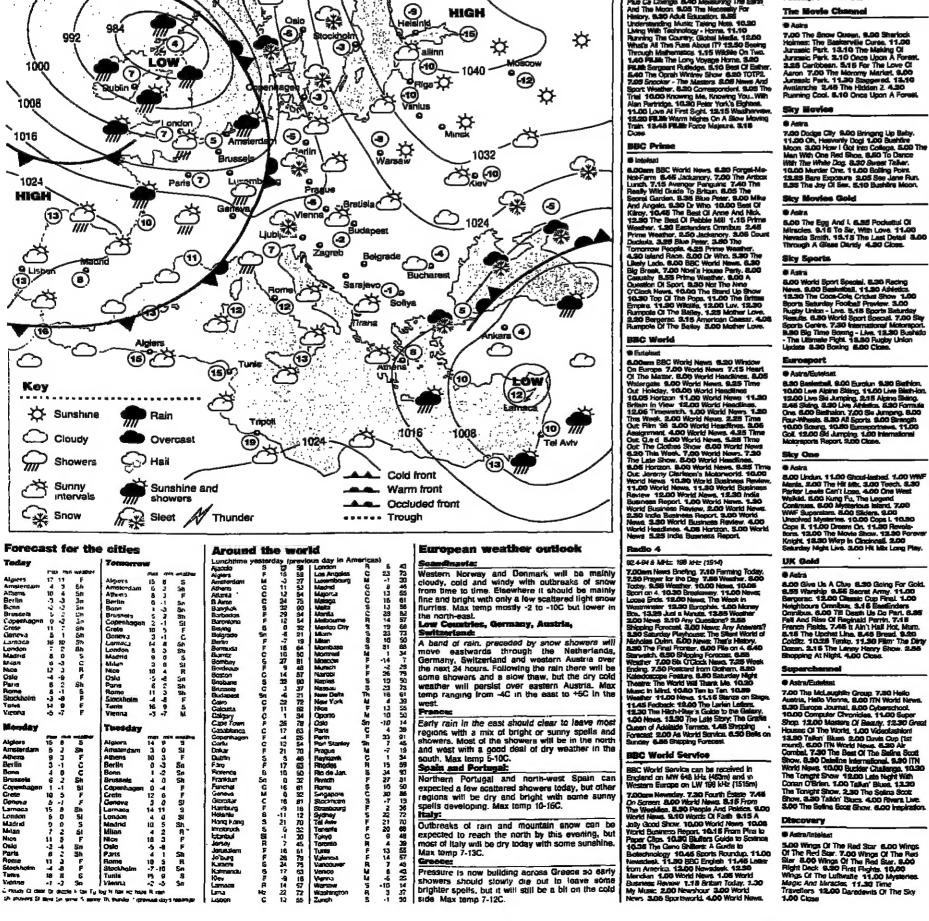
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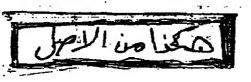
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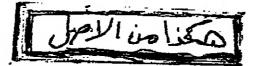
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A Chinese policeman checks destroyed pirate CDs and videos

trawn attention to Japanes regulations on royalties. which now exclude some of the most popular Western hits throughout the country.

unless its government revises newly introduced copyright legislation to extend protectough action over copyright and its tion for performers and their companies to 50 years. Current Japanese regularules on royalties tions protect foreign artists only back to 1971 - which then Bates in Brussels nd Kevin Rafferty in Tokyo

copying that would be illegal APANESE copyright-busting versions of 1960s The US estimated yesterday that lost revenue might amount to \$500 million (£315 million) a year, with compact disc versions of hits by the Beatles and other groups selling for a third of their price

Some of the quaintly-spelled versions on sale in Tokyo include: "Best, The Beatles" — selling for the equivalent of about £3 — and ommission officials have a cassette tape featuring the estest hits of a pair called

Both the Commission and Washington have threatened to take Japan to the World Trade Organisation (WTO)

leaves most jazz, pop and rock and roll greats vulnerable to

in Europe or America.

recordings by Western orchestras are also being remastered on CDs and sold as "live classics". A European Commission we have decided to come to

the rescue of the golden old-ies. If Japan does not change ies. If Japan does not change the Japanese have an obliga-its legislation within two tion to extend their protection weeks we will request formal consultations, with a chal-lenge to the World Trade Organisation within 60 days." The US has already filed a complaint to the WTO. The United Nations. A foreign

ministry spokesman yester-day denied any intention to General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) specifically co-ordinates copyright agreeextend protection from 25 to ments to 50 years. 50 vears Mr Kantor said in Washing-Mickey Kantor, the US ton that the US administra-

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trade representative, said it was the first time he could tion had made 13 separate apremember coming to the deproaches to the Japanese ience of Frank Sinatra or Bo authorities, without success Diddley, two of the most pop-It is believed 6 million unauular artists in Japan. thorised discs are produced annually in Japan. The intellectual

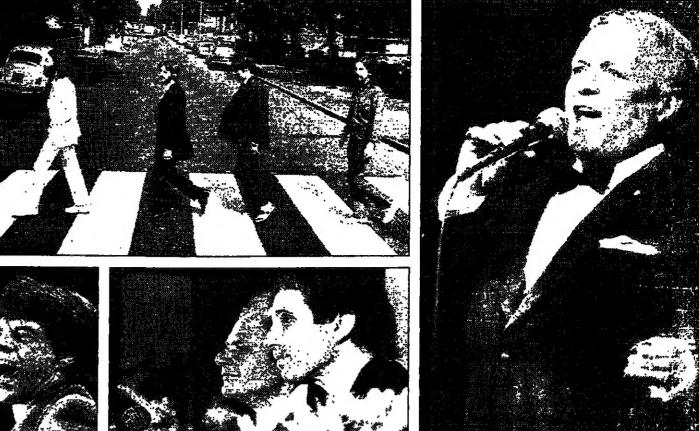
Simon and Garfunkerl (sic) | rights of composers and lyri-called "The Sound of Sience". | cists are protected for 50 Sixties' versions of classical | years after their deaths, but The Japanese recording industry is thought to be worth 86 billion a year. the rights of musicians and China smashed thous inds record companies were agreed internationally under

of counterfeit commut discs esterday to try to convince a 1993 accord which came into the US it had kept promises to effect this year and was supend pirating

eno pirating The display of thina's "winter offensive" on paracy and pornography -- a guided media tour of efforts to confisposed to offer retrospective The EC and the US claim cate and destroy counterfeit computer software -- was conducted hours before the expected arrival of a sonior US trade official.

US officials have acknowledged that China had stepped up efforts to curb rampant piracy since an agreement in February 1995 averted tit-fortat trade sanctions. But they say progress has been limited largely to the retail level and that production and export of pirated goods had caused losses even higher than the \$866 million losses estimated when the agreement was reached last year. — Reuter.

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pirate trawler kings at bay

Lone Irish gunboat keeps

N IRISH gunboat is This has prompted anger reconciliation between the that these state-of-the-art two parts of the divided facilities cannot prevent island. fishing vessels from netting Since the lifting of illegally. "Most times boats are enrichest fishing grounds. The Eithne, flagship of the republic's overstretched naval service, bucks and crashes through high seas off the coast of Cork, track-ing what its commander says are the West's last great hunters, for whom European fishing quotas are merely the latest threat to their way of life.

The Irish Naval Service admits it is under strain. It badly needs a new vessel for guarding its fishing waters, and as an incentive to European purse-string holders it has suggested that it could be built at the Harland and Wolff ship-yard in staunchly loyalist east Belfast.

east Bellast. The republic has only seven vessels with which to patrol the Irish Box. a 200-mile zone around Ireland with rich fishing areas that the Spanish — Europe's trawler kings — are hungry to exploit. Since January 1, under

European Union regula-tions, 40 Spanish vessels are allowed to fish inside box at any one time.

undersize hake, a speciality back on the Iberian penin-sula. Senior officers in the naval service deny there is conclusive evidence that since the new arrange-ments came into effect the Spanish have been plundering the fishing grounds, but privately admit they, need

at least one new patrol ves sel to enforce the agreement.

agreement. They are hopeful that European Union funding of up to 75 per cent of the con-struction of a ship — with an estimated price tag of £25 million — will be agreed sometime in March, and have already visited shipyards in Germany and Southampton. The fleet's flarship, Eithne, was built That may be because the Spanish are waiting to see how well the new rules are enforced. Last year nearly two thirds of fishing vessels ar-rested at sea, brought into harbour by the naval ser-vice and subsequently pros-

ecuted, were Spanishflagship, Eithne, was built at Cork 13 years ago, but a owned. With the aid of two shipbuilding capacity no longer exists there. recently purchased Casa maritime patrol aircraft —

As an extra incentive to the project they believe that if the contract were awarded to Harland and Wolff it would serve as a bought from Spain — every vessel plying vast areas of sea can be logged, photo-graphed and verified via a computer link at the fleet's Haulbowline base, though the Irish authorities admit powerful step to cementing the ceasefires and building

titled to be where they are fishing, so it does require boardings to discover techvice has concentrated on the most popular area of the box, to the south and west of Ireland, according to its flag officer commandnical infringements," said Commodore Kavanagh. "Despite what is said about ing. Commodore John Ka-venagh. "We've found no il-legal activity, in spite of what some media reports have claimed. the Spanish we have never discovered large quantities of undersize fish on a trawler.

"The expected invasion by a Spanish Armada didn't take place." He believes the Spanish receive so much criticism simply because their fleet is so large. Fourteen Irish vessels were also detained last year. "Fishermen are the last

great hunter-gatherers in western Europe," said an-other officer on the Eithne. "They don't like being tied down by bureaucratic regu-lations. The Spanish have been fishing these waters since the 16th century.

"It was much worse in the 1980s when Ireland joined the EEC. It wasn't uncom-mon for rifles to be brought out. Nowadays they're more prepared to let us on board and face the consequences of prosecution if they've viplated the law."

Guppy seeks damages from Mirror

Clare Dyer

ARIUS Guppy, the soci-ety fraudster freed from money by a "mystery friend" against assurances that he Ford Open Prison this week after a friend lent him could repay the loan from the proceeds of selling his life £160,000 to secure his early release, yesterday issued a High Court writ against the story. The money went to Lloyds. Mirror Group.

which he and an accomplice swindled in a £1.8 million The 30-year-old Old Eton-ian, who was best man at the gems insurance fraud, landwedding of the Princess of ing him with a five-year jail Wales's brother, Earl Spencer, is sueing the group for alleged breach of contract sentence in February 1993. Last July he was sentenced to a further three years after after the Daily Mirror alleg to a further three years after edly pulled out of a £75,000 claiming he was unable to deal to buy his story. David repay £227,000 to Lloyds.

Montgomery, chief executive Although money was taken of Mirror Group, is under-stood to have vetoed the deal spent in jail, he said through be an excessive fee." It adds that Mr Guppy had an agree after it emerged that Mr Guppy was advanced the money by a "mystery friend" cause he had been declared ment that for £75,000 he granted exclusive rights to publish the "full account" of his relationship with his wife and others, details of "certain criminal offences", and his bankrupt. Piers Morgan, Daily Mirror editor, said last night: "The Daily Mirror has an absolute policy of not payime in jail.

The Press Complaints Coming money to convicted crimimission's code of practice lays down that papers should nals or their lawyers. We will be defending the writ vigorously." The writ says that last Monnot make payments to people engaged in crime or their as-sociates, unless publication is The writ says that last Mon-day. Mr Morgan, and com-pany solicitor Martin Crud-dace told Mr Guppy that the newspaper would not publish the story because Mr Mont-would have gone to a creditor.

Firth places great store on the contrasting powers of light and dark. He believes he is perceived as a simpler fellow on this set because he is blond and his Darcy in Pride and Prejudice owed much of its mystery to black hair dye. Linda Blandford interviews Colin Firth

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Labour rounds on off-the-cuff remark by Major

PM says rail fraud just 'misbehaviour'

Keith Harper and Rebecca ca Smithers

N OFF-THE-CUFF remark by John Major that the aleged ticket fraud on the London. Tilbury and Southend railway line was an example of "misbehaviour" sparked an attack by Labour last night.

Senior shadow cabinet min-isters attacked the Prime Minister for failing to con-demn criminal behaviour. and said the entire rail sell-off was "a shambles" Mr Major's unscripted

remarks came during a visit to a school near his Huntingdon constituency, when he also insisted that the privatisation timetable had not been thrown into chaos.

give a moral lead and con-demn what has patently been wrongdoing?" Alleged ticket irregularities on the line were uncovered Responding to news that the London, Tilbury and Southend (LTS) franchise would have to be let to an-other company because of the alleged fraud, Mr Major said: "Someone misbehaved. That happens. It happens in the public sector, it happens in the private sector."

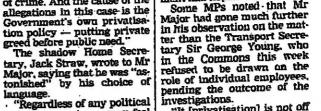
Labour's deputy leader. John Prescott, speaking at the party's local government con-ference in Birmingham, said: "This isn't misbehaviour. These are serious allegations of fraud involving thousands of pounds. This is a prime minister who is weak on crime and weak on the causes of crime. And the cause of the

Major had gone much further in his observation on the matallegations in this case is the Government's own privatisa-tion policy — putting private greed before public need." The shadow Home Secreter than the Transport Secre-tary Sir George Young, who in the Commons this week tary, Jack Straw, wrote to Mr Major, saying that he was "as-tonished" by his choice of refused to be drawn on the role of individual employees. pending the outcome of the

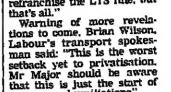
fraud, is it not important for. someone in your position to give a moral lead and contiresome that we will have to refranchise the LTS line, but that's all.

d tions to come. Brian Wilson, y Labour's transport spokes-o man said: "This is the worst setback yet to privatisation. Mr Major should be aware that this is just the start of many more humiliations".

Mr Major went on to insist that his government would press ahead with its rail pri-vatisation programme, but admitted that the need to seek a new company to take over the LTS franchise was "tiresome". The process could take several months instead of the one month the Government had hoped to achieve. Some MPs noted that Mr



embarrassment you may feel at the consequences of this



during an internal audit by British Rail last week. Up to £45,000 in ticket money. which should have ended up with London Transport, alleg-edly found its way to LTS.

News in brief

Gulf veterans accuse lawyers

GULF War veterans last night accused "squabbling solicitors" of delaying their fight to prove that the Ministry of Defence should compensate them for illnesses suffered after the 1991 war. One firm of solicitors has gone to the High Court to insist that a second firm should not have been awarded exclusive rights to legal aid funds worth millions of pounds. About 720 Gulf War veterans are taking the ministry to court

to prove they were negligently treated after the war. Ian Hill, chairman of the National Gulf War Veterans and Families Association, said: "The only people hurting because of this are the veterans. The Ministry of Defence must be having a good laugh at this when our solicitors can't even agree among themselves."

The High Court decision yesterday means the research money will not go to Dawbarns of King's Lynn and Geoffrey Stephen and Co. Plymouth. Their tender was successfully challenged by Donn and Co.of Manchester, which has about 700 Gulf War clients on its books compared with about 20 with their rivals. The Legal Aid Board has been told to start the process — Maggie O'Kane again.

Boy dies in crash with home wai

A BOY aged four boy died when the car in which he was being driven to school collided with an ambulance in Dunstable, Bedfordshire, yesterday. Police said his mother and baby brother were injured. A spokeswoman for Aston St Peter's school, where the dead child was a pupil, said last night his name was William from 14 February live on Sky Sports



A model wearing an £875 Cara bridal gown from the Berkertex Brides collection at the National Wedding Show at Olympia, London, which ends tomorrow. The show is intended to help couples to arrange everything from stag and hen nights to honeymoon locations PHOTOGRAPH. TRICIA LING

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investigations. "It [privatisation] is not off the tracks." Mr Major com-mented. "It has not thrown the timetable into chaos. It is

The crash, which also involved three other vehicles, happened near the school gates. The spokeswoman said the children at the school had been told what happened and had received counselling throughout the day.

Eavesdropper to apologise

THE man who eavesdropped on a mobile phone call by the Duke of Edinburgh said yesterday he had been seduced by the prospect of money, and would write to him to apologise. Neville Hawkins, who lives at Ingoldisthorpe, Norfolk, admitted he had given in to temptation after coming across the duke's conversation while

using a radio scanner at his home. "I was seduced by money, I suppose," said Mr Hawkins in an interview with BBC Radio Norfolk. I suppose I saw the Duke as someone you just see on TV. But I guess I realised he is a person with feelings the same as anyone else, and what I had done was wrong.

Bomb plot sentence upheld

AN IRISH university lecturer will have to continue his 25-year jail sentence for plotting a mainland bombing campaign, the Court of Appeal decided yesterday. Feilim Padraic O'Hadhmaill, aged 37, was convicted at the Old Bailey on November 8, 1994, of conspiring between January 1, 1993 and February 22, 1994 to

cause an explosion. His appeal against conviction was dismissed on February 1. A decision on his appeal against sentence was delayed until yester-day. O'Hadhmaill was a sociology lecturer at the University of

Central Lancashire, Preston. The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, sitting with Mr Justice Latham and Mr Justice Hooper, said: "We do not consider that this sentence was mainfestly excessive, and the application for wave to appeal against it is refused.

Father jailed

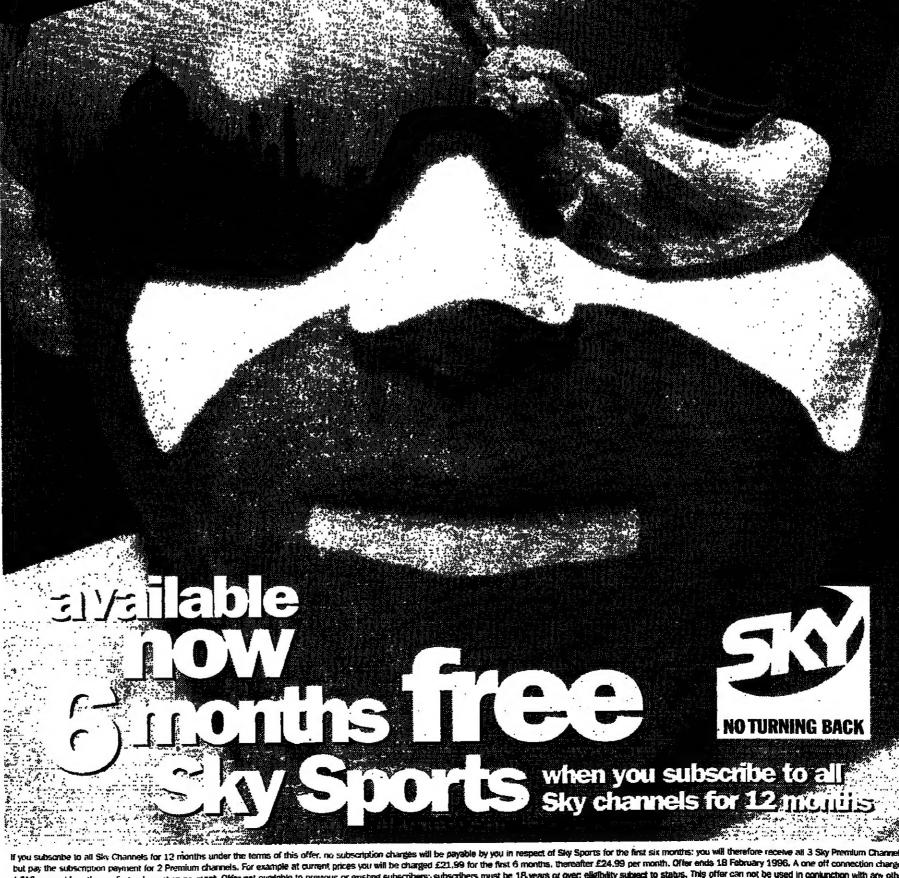
THE father of a six-week-old baby boy who admitted putting an unlit cigarette in its mouth was jailed yesterday for 28 days. The man, who cannot be named for legal reasons, pleaded guilty to wilfully ill-treating the child between September 10 and October 12 last year.

L2 10ST year. Maidstone magistrates were told that he threw the baby into the air, held him upside down and placed a cigarette in his mouth. Diane Ginever, defending, said the man and his 19-year-old partner had been "unprepared for the relentless demands of being parents. "There was no physical injury to the baby and, I suspect, no psychological damage either." He was remanded in custody pending an appeal against sentence.

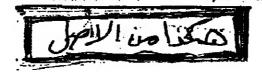
Holiday for Gromit

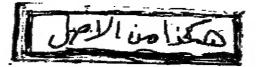
THE animator Nick Park, who created Wallace and Gromit, is to make a full-length animated film, it was announced yesterday. Park, who scooped four awards for A Close Shave at Thursday's British Animation Awards, said the project would take two years It will not feature Wallace and Gromit.





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Casualty closure 'unlawful'

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

failed, but only after Mark Shaw, counsel for the Health Department, had given cer ain assurances. HOSPITAL trust has

closed a casualty unit in an apparent breach of an undertaking given to a High Court judge by the Department of Health.

The North Durham Acute Hospitals trust yesterday de-fended its decision on the grounds that it would have been "irresponsible and un-safe" to continue to run the unit at Shotley Bridge hospi-tal, Consett, because of problems in recruiting junior doctors.

Last July, the Derwent Val-

ley Health Campaign and Der-wentside district council

sought a judicial review of the

Campaigners who have been fighting to keep the unit open expressed outrage. They said the court had been as-sured that closure would not take place until plans for a new hospital had been

The unit, a full accident and emergency department, has this week been replaced by a minor injuries unit, and pa-"Like hospitals all over the

tients with more serious inju-ries are now being re-directed to Dryburn hospital in Dursenior house officer posts in A & E. Even with one centrahouse officer posts in lised A & E department, the trust still has one vacancy left by the end of the decade. But to fill. plans have yet to get the go-

Shotley Bridge hospital in these circumstances would be irresponsible and unsafe for Phil Capon, spokesman for

decision to transfer Shotley Bridge's casualty services to Bridge's casualty services to Dryburn ahead of the new of Shotley Bridge feit "de-hospital opening. The bid ceived and misled".

Mr Justice Popplewell said Mr Shaw had told the court that the Shotley Bridge unit would not transfer before February 1, that public money had been set aside for the new hospital, that ap-proval of the new hospital business plan was likely in October, and that "approval will be in place before the

will be in place before the transfer in view of this, the judge said, "the anxieties which are properly held by the applicant

are no longer there' The North Durham trust is

ion had been spent refurbish ing the Dryburn casualty unit and any further delay in the transfer from Shotley Bridge would have been impossible.

country, we are facing severe problems in recruiting ade-quate junior medical staff for

"To attempt to run a tradi-tional A&E department at

A geoffroys marmoset - one of the rarest primates - clings to its mother at Wyld Court rainforest, Hampstead Norreys, Berkshire, It was born in December Photosaant norm by



BRITAIN 5

Tim Radford reports from the American Association for the Advancement of Science conference in Baltimore, Maryland

Stimulus regime 'adds 30 IQ points'

HILDREN from the performance in the range of full development of the intel-poorest backgrounds 15 to 30 IQ points." As a have gained up to 30 result, many of the children In the studies, Professor Rawould then be 30 points or IQ points through an more higher on the IQ scale

intensive programme of stimulus and nutrition, an Ala-bama psychologist told the that their mothers - raising again the nurture 'nature American Association for the argument Advancement of Science

Craig Ramey, who has been to the roles played by inheriworking in four studies with subjects from birth to the age tance, behaviour and environ ment in the developing brain, of 22, told the meeting in Bal-timore. Maryland: "We found that in highly vulnerable, socially disadvantaged fama question bedevilled in both the United States and Britain by the links between poverty, expectation and performance ilies, we can cut the risk of mental retardation by over 50 in schools Some of Professor Ramey's per cent." But to do this, he said, required effort and inexperiments began on chil-dren as young as six weeks. In his latest study, he said, he vestment - "intensive, high-quality, five-days-a-week. had evidence for long-term, apparently lasting effects of early intervention in maths ear-round, early interven

tion programmes". He added: "We found that performance and reading. There is now substantial the most vulnerable children evidence from several studies indicating that intellectual those from the poorest backgrounds, whose parents have severe cognitive limita-tions -- are the ones who resdevelopment is to a quite considerable degree plastic, that is malleable in a positive pond most to these intervention programmes. "We can show gains in

sense, and that early experi-ence is certainly important and may even be critical for their academic, intellectual

'Winner take all' society attacked

HIEF executives in historically, and this ac-top American corpo-rations earn 120 times crease in the earnings of more than the average the top players. **Professor Frank said** worker, compared with 35

there were biological les-sons to be learned from this, since it led to the kind times more in the 1970s. "Among men, the top 1 per cent of all earners have captured about 70 per cent of all earnings growth," Robert Frank, a Cornell of wasted effort seen among dominant males in the animal kingdom. University economist, told the association's meeting

yesterday. He added: "You see this in virtually every sphere. It used to be that when ingroup would be better off if each had shorter tail feathequality grew in the labour market, you'd see the earn-ings of the skilled would ers, that way they would be less vulnerable to predagrow relative to the un-skilled. Now we see even tion from foxes. Similarly in battles for top jobs there among the most skilled is an enormous amount of there is a dramatic increase waste." he said. in inequality. Among those In the economic sphere, with masters degrees and Professor Frank said this law degrees there is an in-

crease in inequality." Advances in technology

mey's teachers used a variety of approaches: talking systematically to the youngest children as if they could fully understand language; and try-

ing to stimulate without ex-bausting or frustrating them Professor Ramey was speaking at a session devoted The children were also given extra space, and there were never more than tour to one

adult, and often only two. The results — of experi-ments and studies in North Carolina, Texas, Arkansas, Massachusetts, Florida and Romania — showed that the earlier the intervention, the batter the arcuits better the results.

The approach was expen-sive but valuable, his scientific colleagues argued. "There is an old saying," said Joseph Graves of Arizona State University: "If you

think education is expensive. consider the costs of igno-rance, and we see those in rising rates of crime, of violence, of lack of aspiration, and of the economic ability of the US to compete in the interna-tional market."

Spacecraft holds hope of planetary discoveries

APROPOSED spacecraft planets at the rate of one a month, according to US space scientists

Roger Angel of the Univer-sity of Arizona told the association's meeting yesterday that the technology already existed to search for habitable planets round dis-

Deer grew huge antiers to make themselves desirable to all the females; peacocks tant stars. What was needed, according to Dr Angel, was Oases, a 70-metre array of ingrew ever more elaborate tails. "Just as peacocks as a frared telescopes mounted on a platform far away from the sun's glare.

"On a time scale of five years, we might see planets just like Jupiter around stars just like the sun," he said. "What we all want to know is whether there are planets like Earth out there, whether they are habitable, and whether

they are inhabited. "Remarkably," enough we have the technology now to view turned the traditional wisdom of tax policy on its head. Presidential candi- answer those questions."

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ham city, some 15 miles away. The trust, which runs the two hospitals, intends to replace them both with a new general hospital in Durham

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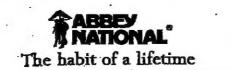
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could be behind what he called the "winner take all" society, allowing top players in each arena to serve broader, more valuable sectors of their market. "An example might be a diagnostic surgeon. Typi-cally this was a local enterprise. Now, with high-speed data transmission nettion for the top slots ... and further overcrowding in works, the best ones serve the most important cases worldwide," he said. "We see it in classical music, a handful of sopra-

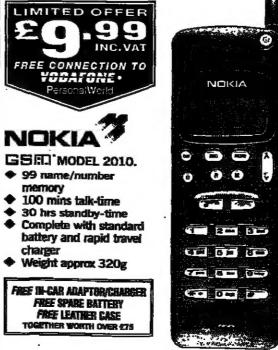
arenas that are already over-served." He added: "The wannabes nos can essentially serve the whole market. The dein these contests, if they were diverted into other mand for the second-best more traditional career players is very weak now paths, would produce things of great value." compared to what it was

dates claimed that a flat tax If there were would stimulate the rate of planets, they would be able to economic growth, but he said: "The likely effect of a flat tax which lowers the take pictures. If such planets had oceans like Earth's, they would be able to detect it from tax rate on the top earners the spectrum of reflected from 40 per cent to about 17 per cent would be to cut the light. And if there was life there would be an oxygen atrate of growth substanmosphere that could be detially, as it would encourtected with a spectrograph. age more wasteful competi-The telescope could be built

from the international space station which will be assembled in 1997 and then sent out to the orbit of Jupiter. Louis Friedman of the Planetary Society seid: "Within years one could predict we are go ing to be finding planets, per-

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Nazi-hunter becomes the quarry

Simon Wiesenthal's 50-year record comes under serious scrutiny as a pack of critics dismiss him as a tragic bungler in a prime-time documentary on German television. lan Traynor in Bonn reports



Top of wanted list . . . Adolf Eichmann, Martin Bormann and Josef Mengele, left to right

ing the former Austrian presi-dent, Kurt Waldheim, cleared of war crimes in the 1980s but found to have covered up his wartime past as a German intelligence officer in the Balkans.

celebrated Nazi-hunting iect and its prime-time It followed the screening of screening in Germany led to intervention by the office of the chancellor. Helmut Kohi, a prime-time German television documentary which fea-tured interviews with rival after Mr Wiesenthal apparently contacted Mr Kohl Nazi-hunters from the United to express concern about the States, France, and Israel's

intelligence service, all of whom were scathing of Mr Wiesenthal's 50-year career in tracking down war criminals. Mr Wiesenthal's lawyers

IMON Wiesenthal was being treated in

a Viennese hospital

of 87 as controversy

raged over his record and

pedigree as the world's most

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esterday at the age

were understood to be consid-ering legal action against the makers of the 20-minute Panorama documentary broad cast by the Hamburg-based North German Broadcasting television network on Thurs day night.

"Incompetent". "unprofes sional", and "tragic figure" were some of the milder terms used to describe Mr Wiesenthal. He was accused of inflating his own role in the Mossad capture of Adolf Eichmann, one of Hitler's key henchmen, in Argentina, of providing wrong and useless information in the hunt for Martin Bormann, and the Nazi doctor, Josef Mengele, who performed gruesome medical experiments on concefferation child is insisted

Eichmann was tried in Is rael and executed in 1961; Bornumn is now known to have died in Berlin in 1945, and Mengele died in Brazil in 1979. The programme also revis-ited the bitter row surround-

Investigations (OSI), whose 1993 book, Betrayal, is an in-dictment of Mr Waldheim and Mr Wiesenthal's role in the Austrian scandal. Mr Wiesenthal told an ac quaintance 10 days ago that he refused to take part in the programme because he knew The sensitivity of the subit was to serve up his critics en masse. The producers said they tried countless times to

get him to appear. In his ab-sence, the film was spliced with recurring footage of the elderly Nazi-hunter stating A Kohl aide telephoned the There can be no compromis programme-makers twice to inquire about their sources of ting to another interviewee information. "The position of alleging that Mr Wiesenthal the editorial staff here is that had for decades been more there was no pressure 'from than economical with the

the German government' to truth. prevent the show being run." The centre of his one-man

Neo-Nazis are never helped by telling

the truth. I did this programme to prevent it being used by neo-Nazis'

said Join Goetz, one of the operation, a dingy cramped programme's co-producers. office in central Vienna, was inundated with faxes from Character assassination or exposé? All of the interviewanonymous neo-Nazis yesterees are known to have waged day, Mr Wiesenthal's secre long-running feuds and ven-dettas against Mr Wiesenthal. tary said. Peter-Michael Lingens, dep-uty editor of the Viennese newspaper, Der Standard, who did research for Mr Wie-They included Beate Klars-feld, the French Nazi-hunter, Isser Harel, the retired Mos-

sad chief who headed the senthal more than 30 years Eichmann caralle correction ago and retains close contact with him, said he expected Austria's populist far-right leader, Jörg Haider, to exploit and has been hopping mad for decades over Mr Wesetitaal's perceived effort to take the credit for the spectacular kidthe programme's me napping, and Eli Rosenbaum, But Mr Goetz, the co-producer, said: "Neo-Nazis are the head of the US justice denever helped by telling the partment's Office of Special

truth about something. I did this show to prevent it being used by neo-Nazis." He quoted Elan Steinberg of

- as telling him: "If you set yourself up as a moral arbi-ter, you have to be judged by tha standard."

Mr Lingens allowed that "vanity and self-deception" on Mr Wiesenthal's part may have led him to exaggerate his claims or inflate his own importance, but he described the documentary as "onesided and manipulative", a vehicle for the World Jewish Congress's long campaign to discredit Mr Wiesenthal. Neal Sher, who led the OSI investigation into Mr Wald-

teim, resulting in the formet Austrian president being barred from entering the US and then being more or less quarantined internationally told the programme that Mr Wiesenthal had repeatedly urged him "not to take action against Waldheim, and sug-gesting to do so would hurt

In an April 1990 letter to Mr Wiesenthal, Mr Sher said that Wies the Nazi-hunter had invariably failed to furnish "concrete evidence" against any alleged war criminals named. "The bottom line is that to my knowledge ... no allegation which has originated from your office has resulted in a court filing by the OSL" Mr Sher wrot But Mr Ling ens pointed out that most of Mr Wiesenthal's ch had been forwarded

to the German and Austrian

authorities and not to the

Crusade of one who survived 'mountain of death' camp

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SiMON Wiesenthal is the Manthausen, the concen-tration camp known as the "mountain of death", liber-ated by General Patton's forces on the eve of VE Day near Hitler's birthplace of Mr Wiesenthal had been

in forced-labour and concentration camps since 1941. He was brought to Mauthausen in February 1945. The gas chamber was working at full capacity.

working at full capacity. Those inmates still alive were starving. When the Americans ar-rived on May 7, 1945, the skeletal Mr Wiesenthal, whose weight had fallen to 991b, was lying on his bunk in a hut littered with corpses that had not been removed. Stumbling into the yard, he saw a big grey tank with the American flag waving from the turret

Next morning, he told an American doctor he wanted to be taken to the US commandant. He was carried to the office of Colonel Rich-ard Seibel, the leader of the US forces in the camp. There Mr Wiesenthal learned the Americans were already interrogating suspected war criminals. Finding a vacant chair in the interrogation room, Mr Wiesenthal slumped down. There were two uniformed Americans and one in civilian dress, and they brought in a number of chained SS men and ques tioned them. This was the US war crimes unit at work. What I was witness ing was the stuff of dreams, something that I would never have thought, during

all the years in the camps, could happen in real life. "Every day I went to watch the interrogations, and every day I asked them to let me work for the war crimes unit."

After some days, the Americans agreed. It was he beginning of a Nazi-One-man operation . . . Simon Wiesenthal, from his cramped Vienna office, invariably failed to furnish concrete evidence against alleged war criminals, US investigators claim hunting mission that was to become a lifetime crusade.

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Terrence Petty in Bonn after the war, protested against the army's orders to N AMERICAN second send the paintings to the US. world war veteran. who received a medal from Mr Farmer said all of his group had put their careers on the line. But when it came the German government yes-terday for resisting a 1945 US army order, said before it was to art, "I wouldn't fear the devil himself," he said. Klaus Kinkel, the German hung round his neck: "No one

foreign minister, draped the ribboned Commander's Cross should ever take cultural property." Walter Farmer, aged 84, fought the Germans and then of the Order of Merit around his neck at the government's opulant guest house on a became director of a US military "collecting point" in mountain overlooking the Wiesbaden where art trea-sures were being temporarily Rhine. German museum authorities, politicians and an official from the US embassy attended the ceremony. He is credited by Germany with being instrumental in keeping the occupying US army from taking paintings by Rembrandt, Dürer, Bottj-Germany hopes Russia will take note and relinquish a hoard of cultural treasures confiscated by the Red Army during and after the war. celli and other masters as war booty. Mr Farmer said he could take only partial credit. A total of 35 American sol-"We are here today to pay tribute to the courageous and honorable captain who in the

sures hidden by the Nazis | tage," Mr Kinkel said. He | back to the Berlin museum after the war, protested | compared Mr Farmer to an | that owned them because compared Mr Farmer to an 18th-century Prussian officer, Friedrich von Marwitz, who was dismissed by Frederick the Great for refusing to loot a castle. Standing up to a superior's plish nothing." he said orders in the name of art takes guts, Mr Kinkel told Mr

Farmer. Mr Farmer's engineering unit landed in Normandy in 1944. He later transferred to the Monuments unit and was made director of the Wiesbaden collecting point in 1945. He ordered US army tanks placed around the building, surrounded it with an electric

fence and posted GIs and Gervas returned to Germany man police officers as guards. "Our greatest fear was being looted," he said.

On November 6 1945, he was ordered to prepare 202 win back art treasures held in paintings for shipment to the US for a supposedly limited but undetermined stay. Mr Farmer feared the paint: Same way I felt" about stolen diers, all part of a US military winter of 1945, following the but undetermined stay. "Monuments" unit whose job darkest period in Germany's Mr Farmer feared the paint-was to safeguard art trea- history, stood up for our heri-ings would never be given art, and return it. — AP.

some US officials had been talking about keeping German-owned art as war repara tions. "I burst into tears. But I realised tears would accom

He telephoned Monuments officers in Paris, Berlin and elsewhere in Europe. They rushed to Wiesbaden and the following day drew up a document protesting against the order. Other Monuments off-

cers sent letters supporting the "Wiesbaden Manifesto." The paintings were sent anyway. But the manifesto created a huge stir and the art

within four years. After the ceremony, Mr Farmer was asked if he felt Germany was using him to

Spain hits back Holbrooke warns Serbs over Belgian court ruling

Terence Gallagher In Budapest and Guy Diomore in Sarajevo

THE diplomatic row be-tween Spain and Belgium over a Brussels court's deci-HE United States will brook no challenges to the Bosnian peace sion to free two suspected Basque terrorists instead of settlement, the US Assistant Secretary of State, Richard extraditing them escalated last night as Spain announced that it was suspending a cru-Holbrooke, the main archited of the Dayton peace accord, said yesterday. Mr Holbrooke, who travels cial immigration agreement among key European Union to Sarajevo, Belgrade and Za-greb over the weekend to try to prevent the settlement un-The decision to suspend ravelling, said in Budapest: "The US will not tolerate the part of the Schengen agree-ment relating to Belgium will complicate journeys made by

kind of threats that some of Belgians to Spain and will the Bosnian Serbs have been require them once more to show their passports as they move through immigration Spain is stopping all co-op-**Koyacs**

eration between the two countries' judicial systems. It tering some serious challenges to Dayton," he added, citing unrest in the southern will also suspend an extradition agreement with Belgium and has already refused to city of Mostar and problems hand over a Belgian being over Bosnian Serblan soldiers held in Spain. Spain has temporarily withdetained by the Bosnian government for alleged war

drawn its ambassador in pro-test at the decision by the Belrimes. Nato said yesterday it had lost communication with front lines. gian State Council not to lost communication with front lines. deport the terrorist suspects. senior Bosnian Serb army One Serb civilian in Ilidaa.

Michael Walker, the Nato ground commander in Bosnia, called ominous. General Radko Mladic, the main Serb commander, ear-lier ordered the suspension of all contacts with Nato until two of his officers and at least six other Bosnian Serb soldiers detained by the Muslim-led government in connection with war crimes were

"I certainly don't think we want to underestimate the dangers of this situation," Gen Walker said, describing the cutting of contacts as the

Serbs' "first wilful sign of non-compliance" with the requirements of the Dayton

peace accord. But despite attempts by Gen Mladic to stop Serb civil-ians crossing the dividing lines with Muslim-Groat teritory in Bosnia, Serbs continued to cross.

"The border will not be closed," Maksim Stanisic, mayor of the Serb-held part of Sarajevo, said. A key princi-ple of the Dayton pace is free ievo. ~ Reuter. movement across former

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commanders, a development | a Serb suburb of the Bosnian which Lieutenant-General Sir | capital, said he hoped people would continue to cross freely. "During the war Mladic was God. But now he is not. There is a big question mark over him." he said.

• On his first visit to Sara-jevo, Prince Charles expressed his horror yesterday at the hurt done to the people and the cultural monuments

of the Bosnian capital. Wading through thick snow and debris in the burnt-out remains of Sarajevo's oncesplendid National Library, Prince Charles expressed "horror at the wanton destruction not only of buildings like this but also of peoples' lives." As part of his tour to Cro-

atia and Bosnia, Prince Charles inspected the wardamaged cathedral, palaces and monasteries of the medieval port city of Dubrovnik in Croatia on Thursday. Yesterday he met senior

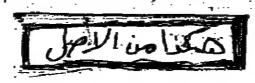
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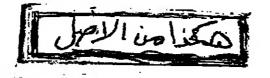
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making." Mr Holbrooke addressed a news conference after meeting the Hungarian foreign minister, Laszlo "Right now we are encoun



FOCUS/GREEK-TURKISH CONFLICT 7 The Guardian Saturday February 10 1996 Making waves in a sea of troubles

John Hooper,

southern Europe correspondent, looks at the bristling tension over contested territories between two Nato allies

ICHARD Hol-brooke, the Ameri-can diplomat who won global acclaim for brokering the Bosnia peace deal, should in landing in Ankara later today, at the start of an even more ambitions initiative. His stated aim: to lay the foundations for a lasting settlement between Greece and Turkey before his depar-ture from the state department 11 days later.

One of those he was due to see said Mr Holbrooke had secured the use of a US air force jet so as not to be tied by air-line schedules as he shuttled between Greece, Turkey and the divided island of Cyprus According to a ministerial source in the region, he had decided that, if there were grounds for progress, he would seek to be made President Clinton's special representative in the area.

Whatever his intentions, habited entirely by goats.

The islet of Imia (in Greek), or Kardak (in Turkish), was motive for a perilous stand-off in the Aegean. For a while, though, it looked

For Greeks, there is noth-ing to discuss. Athens (see right) maintains that Imia was ceded to it in 1947 along with the main islands of the Dodecanese, off the Turkish coast Earlier this week

Greek government refused to see him. Mr Holbrooke cancelled his entire mission. Quite unexpectedly, a glittering run at the state depart ment was set to end on a note of failure.

Late on Thursday, con versy re-erupted when Mr Si-mitis sacked his armed forces chief of staff, Admiral Christos Lyberis. Official sources have said he was furious with the anniral for hinting to the media that the government had prevented a military

It can be argued that this odd affair has shown the brash — indeed brutal — "anti-diplomacy", which yielded such astonishing results in Bosnia, has strictly limited application. But it has

Isles torn by geography and politics

seems pointless, even childish - until you look at a map. Imia, or Kardak, the islet which sparked off the latest dispute, is less than four miles from the Turk-

ish coast. The invasion of the newly born Turkish state by Greek troops in 1919 left, deep in the national psyche. a conviction that it would always be vulnerable to attack from the Aegean. Despite the growth of Tur-key's military might since then, the diplomatic resolution of two world wars has served to keep that sensi-

tivity alive. In 1923, the Treaty of Lausanne, which shared when the Greek media out the Ottoman Empire reported that a Turkish after its defeat in the first world war, gave Greece Imin and refused assistance from the Greek coastguard, eastern Aegean. Neverthe-less, a buffer remained in the form of Italy's control

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Cypriots claim, is less than 15

per cent of the EU average, the occupied north would be-

come the recipient of struc-

tural funds on an unprece-dented scale.

The Turkish Cypriots

"HE continuing row tively seal the Turkish over the islands of coastline and has said it the Dodecanese would be cause for war.

The Turks, for their part have long maintained that the status of some of the smaller islands is ambiguous in the paperwork drawn up when the Italians A US official this week backed that view, saying there was "some dispute over the validity of at least one of the documents

Ankara also refuses to accept that the islands nearest its coast have their own continental shelf. It has never signed the Law of the Sea convention.

The latest row marks a qualitative leap. It began more than two weeks ago ship had run aground near the skipper claiming he was on Turkish territory.

A group of Turkish jourof the Dodecanese. In 1947, following Italy's defeat in the second world war, that delicate balance and ran up the Turkish

also underlined the correct ness of the Mr Holbrooke's analysis — that, following Dayton, the multi-sided as if the dispute might never theless help matters. It propelled the assistant

Graeco-Turkish conundrum is the gravest problem de-manding solution by the US and its allies. Holbrooke or no, the issue of Greek-Turkish relations has found itself a place near the top of Washington's international agenda.

For Washington, the col-lapse of the Soviet Union has not made Turkey any less valuable an ally. It offers a barrier to any future nationcans should be more wary of Ankara — and that, if they are not, they could end up alistic Russian expansionism. It is a natural leader among the newly independent states of Muslim central Asia. And it is there that US firms are repeating the mistakes they made with the Shah. The European Union yes-terday moved to defend itself developing oil and gas reserves comparable with those of the North Sea. against charges by Mr Hol-brooke that it had failed to play a role in the resolution of The United States, however, cannot have entirely normal

Admiral Christos. Lyberis: first casualty of islet spat relations with Turkey while - for example - it feels con-strained to vote against it on

secretary of state into the thick of the Graeco-Turkish imbroglio, winning him renewed praise and respect. On January 30, he worked till midnight to defuse the crisis in telephone crisis in telephone calls to Athens and Ankara.

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But this is a part of the world which has a habit of generating paradoxes. And on this occasion the very com-promise which Mr Holbrocke had bludgeoned the two sides into accepting proved to be his nemesis

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Cyprus at the United Nations. The state department's consleeping through the night" while he and President Clin-ton had been solving their viction that the time has come to "the in" Turkey has Asgean problems. Italy, the current holder of the EU's presidency, said in a statement that its foreign strengthened since last De-cember's general election there. The success of the islamist Welfare party rein-forced fears that Turkey minister, Susanna Agnelli, had received the Greek and could turn its back on the West. The idea of one of the Turkish ambassadors on world's most heavily milita-rised societies going the way Thursday and held "a long and cordial telephone conver sation" with her Greek counof Iran - or, more plausibly, terpart the day before. Algeria - scarcely bears

The Foreign Office weighed in to say it was "nonsense" that Europe had been sleep-ing during the Aegean fracas: British diplomats in Greece and Turkey had been active the product of the product of the state thinking about. More immediately, the outprime minister, Costas Simi-tis, under withering fire from the press and opposition in his own country. His position became almost unterest became almost untenable tained instability. More than throughout the night in ques-when it was announced from a month on, the politicians in tion, and the Foreign Secre-Ankara still cannot agree on a | tary had spoken by phone to his Turkish counterpart. brooke's long-awaited visit | coalition.

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a crisis on its own doorstep. Earlier this week, he said

European diplomats and poli-ticians had been "literally

Flag day . . . Turkish Cypriot villagers welcome Turkish troops on the Kyrenia-Nicosia road during their invasion of the island in 1974. Despite its continuing division, Cyprus is on course for European Union membership as early as 1998 rather the Greek Cypriot

For precisely the same reasons, though, Greek diplo mats argue that the Ameri-

URKEY and Greece are steadily upgrading their armed forces at a time when most west European countries are cutting their defence budgets. They are among the world's biggest importers of conventional weapons. of conventional weapons. pieces in 1993, according And despite the long his-tory of antagonsim between Nations register of conv them, they have been fed tional arms. Even the many of their arms without charge by Nato, under its "Cascade" programme to dispose of weapons shed under the treaty on Con-ing to military sources.

John Roper of the Royal In- | brooke who last year played stitute of International Af- | the key role in getting EU fairs noted that "because Greece is a member of the EU and Turkey is not, the Aegean issue has tended to be dealt with in Nato, of which both countries are members. I understand that Nato's secre-tary-general, Javier Solana, spoke to senior people in both governments." The Europeans can also ar-gue that, because of Mr Hol-

brooke, they have been lured into what one called a "possi-bly very dangerous game" on Cyprus. According to Ameri-can sources, it was Mr Hol-start of 1998. Cyprus -- or

zone, run by the Cyprus gov-ernment -- has a strong economy. "We estimate that the accession negotiations should ventional Forces in Europe. Turkey, by far the biggest beneficiary, received more than 1,017 main battle take no more than two years, says the Cyprus government's foreign minister, Alecos Mi-chaelides. Cyprus, therefore, could be in the EU before the tanks, almost as many as the entire British tanks in-ventory, 600 armoured vebicles and 70 artillery turn of the century. pieces in 1993, according to For many member states submissions to the United that is a terrifying prospect. The island is divided by Nations register of convenbarbed wire, and more than a tional arms. Even the UN register does not paint an accurate picture as both third of it is occupied by Turkish soldiers. countries underreport their arms imports, accord-With Greek Cypriots yearn-ing for access to the Turkish-

occupied north, a showdown between the EU and Turkey would become inevitable as soon as they attempted to ex-ercise their right to freedom of movement within the EU. governments to accept a Mr Holbrooke is said to trade-off demanded by Athhave argued that an inexora-bly approaching deadline could nevertheless be used to solve the Cyprus dispute. The Greek Cyprios will be ens: talks on the accession of Cyprus in return for lifting Greece's veto on the customs union sought by Turkey. On March 6, EU foreign ministers gave an uncondi-tional pledge that negotia-tions on making Cyprus a worried that, regardless of last March's declaration, Cyprus is not going to be admit-ted without a solution. The member of the Union would start six months after the end

Turkish Cypriots will be con-cerned that, without a soluof the intergovernmental contion, they are going to be barred from taking part in the accession negotiations. And Turkey will be left to contemference to revise the Maas-tricht Treaty. That probably means the

of islands was handed to Gn More recently, Athens

has invoked the Geneva Convention of 1958 and the Law of the Sea to argue that it is entitled to extend Greece's territorial limits from six to 12 miles. Such a move has never been put into effect. An-

They and the ship's captain were thereby asserting Turkish sovereignty rather than merely questioning Greece's

That in turn revives historic memories among Greeks, of the 1974 inve sion of Cyprus - a move which has poisoned their relations with the Turks kara argues it would effecever since.

plate the damage to its inter-national interests which republic will open the way for Turkish accession." Mr Talat and his Republi could arise from a daily, nose to-nose confrontation with can Turkish Party, the minor

ity partners in a ruling coali-More positively, the entry of a bi-zonal, lederated Cy-prus — and that is now tion, want a solution before accession, but are ready to accept the accession of Cyprus broadly accepted by all con-cerned — offers benefits to

before that of Turkey. However, the TRNC's presi-dent, Rauf Denktash, remains altogether more cautious and negative about EU entry. "It will take us into the field of Greece won't it?" he said.

The Greek Cypriots would gain a valuable security guar-antee. As President Glafcos Clerides stresses, "If we were in the European Union, any future expansionist Turkish His argument, which has authoritative backing in Anintentions would be curtailed. kara, is that under the agree ments leading to Cypriot in-dependence the island can Turkey to expand into EU territory." only become a member of in-ternational organisations to would get money. With a GDP per capita which, the Greek which both motherlands be long. That implies the acces sion of Turkey before that of

Cyprus. The gap between the parties may be more bridgeable than may be more bridgeable than a decade ago. But if the EU is to have any chance of span-ning it within the next three years, it is going to have to work with speed and determi-nation. So far, there is not much sign of it. would also become the first Muslim community to be ac-cepted into the EU. Mehmet Ali Talat, deputy prime min-

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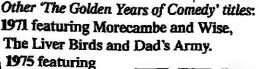
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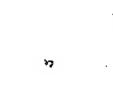
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Conditions look right for Pridwell to plunder Gold

GAINST all the odds today's Tote Gold Trophy (Europe's richest handicap hur-dle) has survived, but if the

forecast overnight rain materialises the going at Newbury shows and that was a pretty good run by Martin Pipe's hurdler, who was only two and a half lengths behind Atours. His form is on the fringe of the top class and, with 10st 13lb, he is not badly handleanned is likely to be very soft or is inkely to be very solt of even heavy. So, in anticipation of the ground deteriorating, I have drawn up a short list of horses that have won on heavy ground. In alphabetical order, they are: Balanak, Moorish, Nijmegen, Pridwell and Squire Silk. Balanak, trained by David

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That was Moorish's first run of the season, but he fin-ished tailed off behind My-silv, a race in which Pridwell was third. Pridwell was beaten four lengths by Mysilv (receiving 5b) and that was a pretty silv, a race in which Pridwell was third. Pridwell was beaten four lengths by Mysilv (receiving fully and that was a pretty silv, a race in which Pridwell beat fourth to Dance Beat in the very competitive Ladbroke Hurdle in Ireland last month and must have a serious chance now.

with 10st 13ib, he is not badly handicapped. Returning to the short list, Nijmegen comes into the reckoning on his soft ground form and he could well im-prove on his sixth behind Warm Spell at Kempton three weeks ago in the Lanzarote Hurdle.

e was runome Train rickley and at Chelten-

Indie. That race has traditionally en a good guide to today's ntest and Warm Spell has en a warm order in the te-post lists ever since. He liked some cut when nning on the Flat, but both s hurdle wins (from only ree runs) have been on good ound. He was impressive at empton and could well be a of with bottom weight, but	(with Romancer, Fr Stompin behind) a ham in November not been out since. Geoff Hubbard t world of Strong Pr there is a question whether this gel handle bad ground. As can be gather
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Form book devotees will no doubt have picked up that Clifton Beat, owned by Des O'Connor, has won on heavy going, but he is much better suited by a decent surface and moment

Master Cats is taken to win the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown tomor-row, although he must reverse King George form with fellow English chal-lenger Monsieur Le Cure. Flashing Steel looks best of the home defenders. • From March 1 punters will pay 9 per cent "tax" instead of

pay 9 per cent "tax" instead of 10 on their horse racing bets at Chelten-at Chelten-er, but has the betting and racing indus-tries on how the Budget cut thinks the on betting duty should be

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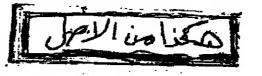
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United hit £65m jackpot

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HE ever-widening financial gap between soccer's rich and poor was highlighted yes terday when Manchester biggest in the British game's

history. Although the Premiership's wealthiest club declined to confirm the figures, the sixyear kit and general mer-chandising contract with Umbro easily beats the previous record of £25 million over four years between Liverpool and Reebok.

"It is commercially sensitive to discuss figures, but this contract does reflect United's standing in the sport," said Umbro's Peter Kenyon, Umbro's current deal with United had two years to run, but it is believed the company decided to re-open its cheque-

book after learning that its most prized client was being actively courted by at least one of its major competitors. It is good news for the United manager Alex Fergu-

son: he can expect at least £12

warned clubs to make sure that any foreign players they were thinking of buying met the Department for Employ-ment's strict criteria — otherwise they would not be

granted a work permit. The department's refusal to terday when Manchester United signed a sponsorship deal worth 655 million — the biggest in the British million and the signals the end to flexible in-

terpretations of the criteria as they attempt to reduce the flow of foreign players into this country. Both the depart-ment and the PFA intend to strictly enforce the guidelines from now on.

"It is not our job to be flexi-ble when imports are not liv-ing up to their reputation and are stranging home grown talent," said Taylor. "Only by caring that the critical mill saying that the criteria will be applied strictly will the clubs exercise caution."

The next casualty could be the Brazilian full-back Branco who is due to join Middlesbrough But he has not won the requisite number of international caps entitling

him to a work permit. If is understood that many clubs are upset by the clamp-down and some have taken the matter up with MPs and the department direct. Mean-while the result of superly by

million for new players. The PFA chief exectuive Gordon Taylor yesterday due next week.

Call to protect poor as Fifa attacks European shake-up

taken to protect the game's poorer sectors. Fifa's president Joao Have-

lange said: "Fifa is here to work for all in football. We want principles that apply to évéryone.

The general secretary Sepp Blatter added that Fita was prepared to take steps at its July congress to guarantee equal treatment to all. "There is a danger of having two laws — one for the rich and one for the poor," he said. Monday's meeting to decide Uefa's stance on the Bosman verdict will also discuss whether rich clubs are pre-

Plans to expand its club competitions to give more litaly and Germany, will meet Calm before the storm . . . but watch for fireworks from Fry if his side scores first tomorrow PHOTO places to wealthy teams, in Windsor to formulate a warning that action could be united policy on Bosman to be presented to Uefa on February 16.

They will also discuss whether to change the restrictions on the number of non-European Union players a club can field.

England will play in a four-nation tournament against France, Italy and probably Brazil in the run-up to the 1998 World Cup in France. England agreed to participate in the event in France in sum-mer 1997, even though they will meet Italy in their final

World Cup qualifier in Rome the following October. • The former Stoke and Eng-

semi-final against Leeds United will provide a boost for the Blues RYING to talk to Barry Fry is like trying to swat a butterfly. Every time you think you have him in the net-Notes have not come much dan and the Peterborough de-

Cynthia Bateman on the manager hoping the Coca-Cola Cup cer supremacy of the Mid-lands. And this place will be

year history. Laura's two sisters

SPORTS NEWS 9

Kit cat cops cup kudos

Soccer Diary

Martin Thorpe

LD Isleworthians have reached the final of the West on the club kit. Nobody gave the I's a cat in hell's chance against Chiswick Albion in last

Sunday's semi-final — but they won 1-0. Well done, the kit cat. "My mum al-ways washes the club kit ways washes the chub kit for us at her bome, but when we got to the ground this time it absolutely stunk," explained the manager Keith Pearce. "Her cat Sparky had peed all over it while it was in

the bag waiting for me to come round. It was borrible but we had no choice but to wear it as we didn't have "Everyone was spraying deodorant over their shirts,

but we all forgot about the smell when we won the game, and all thanks to our and an infants to our lucky kit. My only problem now is how to get the cat to pee on the kit again for the final."

F Birmingham City were to win the Coca-Cola Cup, writes Nick McKeown of Abingdon, and then went on to beat Galatasaray in the Uefe Cup would the the Uefa Cup, would the headline be "Fry's Turkish Delight". These jokes get worse,

THE secret is out about the reason for West Bromwich Albion's dra-matic slump which has taken them from second top to second bottom of the First Division. It is all the fault of Laura Shaw, aged three.

Quite logical really. Little Laura, who is Baggies mad, was the team's mascot at Millwall on October 28 since when West Brom have taken just one point from 14 league games, the

down. "There has got to be some give and take and if we get the job done without being confrontational and they call me old git, then I'm not Emma, 11; and Amy, 7; and her dad Paul are also West even come up and want my Brom mad, and they have ruddy sutograph." And what does he sign? "Yes, been pointing the finger. "The other two keep blamsometimes I just write The ing her," said Laura's mum Old Git."

Fry aching to rub shoulders with the Premiership giants

lenge Aston Villa for the soc-

self-financing once we are rubbing shoulders with Man^o chester United and the rest.^v A place in the Coca-Cola Cup final would help loosen worst run in the club's 116-

Diane. "Even her dad says to her, you're to blame. She doesn't think she is and says, well at least Paul Mardon still loves me. He was with her when she was the mascot."

Laura is going with dad to today's game at home to Southend hoping for a vic-tory. But as West Brom Final of the West Middlesex League's Ace Awards Open Cup. Is it thanks to their players? Or their coach? No. It is all down to the fact that the manager's mum's cat peed themselves, then please win for Laura."

> Given that two Charl-Gion players, including Lee Bowyer, were found guilty of taking drugs, it was an unfortunate head-line that appeared on the Croydon Advertiser report of their game with Crystal Palace last Sunday: "Eagles tactics shackle Addicts". Charlton's nickname is the Addicks.

> **C**ELTIC have taken on exactly the right man should they ever get into flnancial trouble again. Their new director Brian Quinn was previously in charge of banking super-vision at the Bank of England where he presided over three of the biggest banking scandals of the last 10 years: Barings, BCCI and Johnson and Matthey.

ASTRANGE chant can be heard from Watford's Vicarage Road end: "Old git, old git, give us a wave." And Peter Lawson, a 65-year-old retired plumber and Watford steward, usually does.

"I didn't take any notice when it first started." says Peter, "and I don't mind actually. I take it in the spirit that I hope it is intended."

The word "git" is reputed to originate from the Arabic for a pregnant camel. But in relation to Peter, it is more a term of endear-ment from the younger element in the crowd with whom he has earned be-grudging respect despite orever telling them to sit



poorer clubs hardest hit by the new transfer ruling.

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HE SOUNDED angelic and

canonisation was to follow, yet this solid son of Dundes soon convinced opponents ASNOW-clearing operation Aat Brockville, where Fal-kirk entertain Celtic, has en-abled the Old Firm's rivalry that as a footballer he possessed more earthly quali-ties. He was a hard but clean-tackling half-back in one of the better sides to for the Scottish title to continue apace in a Premier Div-ision programme today which win the championship when times were starting to swing, making 255 is likely to beat the weather, writes Patrick Glenn. League appearances in the company of sticky comesti-Tommy Burns, who has seen his Celtic side come bles. Later he moved from from behind to win three of port to pine to railhead be-fore retiring with a taste of honey.

Last week: Remi Moses (West Bromwich Albion, Manchester United).



Performance of the week: Rund Gullit (Chelsea), the master of Middlesbrough last Sunday.

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TT SAYS

has died, aged 74. Obituary, ... whoops, there he goes Outlook, page 32.

again. Fry has proved just as hard The Birmingham City man-ager was accused of inciting a riot before Christmas when it was suggested that his run-Celtic's knack of coming back satisfies Burns

was suggested that his run-ning on to the pitch had sparked crowd trouble in the match against Millwall. "People have said if I can run onto the pitch, why shouldn't *they*, so I suppose they've got a point," said the ebullient Fry. "But I would hate to think I had incited even one person with my cele-

even one person with my cele-brations. Everyone knows I'm just showing my delight when one of my lot scores." When the 50-year-old Fry did try to sit still by seating himself behind the bench he

their last four matches, will not change personnel. "This squad don't seem to get disheartened if they lose a goal," says Burns. "In recent couldn't help racing from end to end of the three-yard dugout when City scored. "That's about right for me now," he puffed. "I'm too fat to go any further." seasons, with confidence down, that had been one of

the faults of Celtic teams. Now they don't panic and keep playing to the style which has served them so well in the last few months." Fry has already had two coronary scares. One was nine years ago when he was manager of Barnet and the team bus broke down on the Injuries again prevent Wal-ter Smith fielding an unway to Gateshead. "I felt these pains in my chest. changed Rangers team at home to Motherwell. With his hopped back on the coach and by half-time we were 2-0 captain Richard Gough still feeling twinges from a damdown. I went potty but then it aged back, the young de-fender Craig Moore is was as if someone had poured a bucket of water over me. The sweat poured out. I just walked straight out of the Moore has been away on in-

door and one of the lads said: He must be annoyed, he's ternational duty with Australia and is likely to replace the veteran John Brown, who stood in against Partick last week. Smith is hopeful that never done that before.' "I had another turn four

Ally McCoist, recovering Trm selfish and I should think Andrews every week." firmly believe we are in sight more about the kids (he has six) but she knows the game spend, spend and spend where we can emerge to chal-

years later. My missus thinks I'm selfish and I should think

fender Gary Breen. Samways, on loan from Everton, and higher for City in the past 20 years than their Coca-Cola Cup semi-final first leg Breen are cup-tied tomorrow, against Leeds at St Andrews tomorrow. And with Leeds on but Sheridan, whose month's loan is likely to become a perthe end of a run of dismal results City have their best chance of progressing to the final of a major competition since they reached the semi-finals of the FA Cup in 1975. manent move from Sheffield Wednesday, is eligible. The former Leeds player will team up with his Elland

Road colleague Chris Whyte to take on their old club, who They have been to Wembley since. They won the Leyland Daf Cup in 1991 and last seawill need no reminding that Sheridan scored the winning Daf Cup in 1991 and last sea-son the Auto Windscreens Cup final when Wednesday

'My missus thinks I'm selfish and should think more about the kids, but the game is my life'

Shield in front of 51,000 of best Manchester United. Sam-their fans. But this season ways's move has been on the Fry, the club's owner David cards for some time and he Sullivan and the chief-executives was prepared to take a subwas prepared to take a sub-stantial wage drop to join City. Fry, however, was 2500,000 short on the transfer tive Karen Brady set their

sights on bigger prizes. City won promotion to the First Division at the end of He believes that City's co-owners, Sullivan and the Gold last season and St Andrews has been redeveloped at a cost of £10 million. Fry predicted: brothers, David and Ralph, whose money it is, must make up their minds whether they really want City to move into the big time. "The three of them have given me magnifi-Birmingham are on the brink of a great leap forward, particularly after reaching ese semi-finals. "Fans of the Blues have

waited years to see their team in the last four of a major competition. We have whetcent financial backing so far, but now we need to make the ted their appetites and we can't afford to disappoint them. Success is almost within our grasp — regular success which would pack St Andrews every week."

the League Cup as a First Division side in 1963 but they have made heavy weather of this season's competition. Tomorrow's match will be their 11th, starting with two

legs against Plymouth in the first round. They beat Grimsby over two legs in the second round and in the third Tranmere were disposed of after extra-time. Middles-**Bolton v Aston Villa** The striker McGinlay and defender Stubbe are doubtuit for Bolton with cell and tool brough were beaten in a fourth-round replay at St An-186 185 respectively. McGinlay's a an a recall for Blake, dom They mean a recent for plate, contoint to the bench last weeken d. Thompson bould make his long stan for nine weeks in med-licid after a herma operation. For Villa the defender Ehlogu and striker Johnson may return, but are far from certain to displace Shunkon and Taylor, who impressed in the 3-0 win over Leeds. drews and they won the quarter-final against Norwich after a replay in which the captain Liam Daish scored

the last-gasp winner. The Leeds game will be their 45th of the season, and Fry is concerned that his **Coventry City v Chelsea**

Notices could be promoted from the bench for Corrently to replace the 39-year-old as-sistant manager Strachan, who played in tast weethond's 1-1 draw at Arsenal and the midweek 2-2 FA Cup its with Manches-tor City Chelsea's captain, Wise, returns after a two-match ban. but Duberry and Hughes are still suspended. Histhoock remarks in goal with Kharmé playing for Russia in Malta. players, who took their neigh-bours West Bromwich Albion to extra-time in the Anglo-Italian Cup, are suffering not only from match fatigue but over-exposure to yellow cards. Suspensions and inju-

Everton v Manchester City ries will limit his selection for Rideout is out of Eventon's lorward line with a thigh strain, along with Kanchelske, who is on duty for Russia. Amokach is brought into the squad, as is the detender Unsworth. City's striker Quinn has passed a test on a barrehton and rehume tomorrow and he will be without Daish, Andy Edwards and Gary Poole, three of his regular back four. Fry failed to sign the Internazionale de-fender Guiseppe Bergomi short-term to fill one of the problem positions. Lest on a ha a loss of a namering problem and raturns after missing the game at Coventry. But ian Brightwell is doubtful with call trouble Manchester Utd v Blackburn

May is set to face his former team-makes as the antwer to Alex, Ferguson's deten-sive problems, which have ruled out Bruce-with a gashed forehead as well as Gary Newlile, who starts a two-match ban. But Palitister returns for has frea Previewship dard sence November atter recovering torm back totuble Blackbarn's winger Wil-cov may re-expetent for the champions alter 11 months out with a cruciats ligament ngury. Ripkey is definitively masing and the Norvergian modifielder Bohlnen is also doubtui after picking on a call strein. Le Sales, Petros and Suston are still missing. But the man who becan his career as a winger at Old Trafford before dogs and horses got in the way is used to battling the olds. And City supporters know that he wants success even more than wants success even, more than they do. "I'm a fan at heart," he said. "I feel for them. That's why I've always wanted my teams to score." Watch out for a bundle of mthueisem excluding from illy remains out of lavour. **Middlesbrough v Newcastle**

enthusiasm exploding from the dug-out if City go in front

Fiortest and Wikisson are contesting the larger-man role for out-or-form Middles-

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Nottingham Forest v Arsen

Sione could return after missing Forest's last three matches with a tool injury, but Frank Clark has doubte over the mattelider Woan (hemstring) and Italian struker S-lenzt (ankle), it means that Black and Rosario make tare appearances to the equad. Paerce misses his fourth consecu-tive game with highry. Arsenal are still without their injured first-choice central-defenders Adams and Bould, but Keown is back from suppension to bolster the Gam-ners' hart the Platt is alten allo out source. delengers Adunts and Bould, but Ke back from suspension to bolster the ners' back line. Platt is also still out, with his fellow midtlelder Parlour.

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The Yugoslavilin Internationale Kovacevic and Stefanovic are likely to return to David Pleat's team, Kovacevic in place of and Strianovic are likely to return for Devid Pleaf's team. Knacevic in place of Herei after a suscitivité's appearance in last weekend's 2-0 defeat al Newcastle. Wimbledow's captalle zerie and the Nigo-rian striker Elan Ekolu are back after non-match bans, with Casticidine and thartord set to make way. The Norwegian Leon-hardsan, who messed the michaels 0-0 FA Cup draw at Middleebrough, returns from hiernational durv in midfield, probably for Talboys. But Revues, who pulled a ham-string at Boro, is doubthil, His probably replacement is Pearce, signed tor \$700,000 Irom Wednesday earlier this eoason.

TOMORROW **QPR** v Liverpool

verse vf LIVeRTPOCH Bardistey returns at hill-back after injury for Ray Wilkins's troubled Rangora and will probably replace Maddia, with Yates moving into the contre of defence. The midfielder impay may be recalled, while the second-choics goalkneper Roberts is Richy to be on the bench alter completing a suspension. Liverpool's English mid-lielder Redinarpo, who has not started a Premiership match since November, could be back in the like-up at the likely expense of Thomae.

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CRICKET: THE SIXTH WORLD CUP

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Curtain up on the one-day circus. Our writers assess two key players and, below, Mike Selvey and David Hopps weigh the merits of the competing nations

World goes in to bat on a sticky wicket

wheeler-dealing and inducements, was not the happiest of bases. Now, with security taking a priority over practice facilities and the condition of the pitches, many of the principals anticipate they will be at

best distracted and at worst, it seems, not even there. This tournament — with a dozen partaking teams, more than in the previous tournaments — appears to be about cricket secondly and money first. The ink was scarcely dry on the reluctant agreement from the International Cricket Council to award the competition to Pakistan — in Chandigarh, venue for a semi-final and a city not eract-the current holders of the one-day crown — India and Sri ly replete in five-star accommodation, has attempted (m-

F ALL six World Cups this, the second to be Lanka, when newspaper articles began talking of a \$100 successfully) to extort \$500 per night from travelling was still an occasion, in front of a full Eden Gardens in accurate from the previous effort on the sub-continent. most acrimonious. Its conception, involving to the sub-continent. That return in 1687 it was fready admitted at the time of a the float correct of the sub-continent to the sub-continent. That return in 1687 it was fready admitted at the time of a the float correct to the sub-continent to be sub-continent.

That return in 1987, it was freely admitted at the time was no adequate return on the premier competition in world cricket but, with the help of some pretty sturdy interests — the Mark McCormack Group, IMG, has been employed to handle the Pakistan side of things — no such mistakes are going to be made this time. Television rights are astronomical, sponsorship abun-

dant, marketing and merchandising advanced and pe-ripheral opportunism everywhere; for example, a hotel in Chandigarh, venue for a semi-final and a city not exact-

Sri Lanka, can be alleviated, there is no reason why the tournament should not run smoothly.

Nine years ago pre-competition horror stories ema-nated from the sub-continent: unfinished stadiums, poor infrastructure, shortage of accommodation at some ven-

nes. Yet it worked. Indo-Pak animosition at some ven-backburner because collectively they wanted to be seen to be staging a successful World Cup while individually one country wanted to upstage the other. As a result things got done and, if the dream final did not happen, England and Australia party pooping, then it

lights in Melbourne. This time the stories have been much the same with, for example, major building work still going on at the sta-dium in Lahore that will stage the final. And rest assured that the painters will still be there at the ground in Ab-medabad on Tuesday night, just hours before England and New Zealand contest the first of the 37 matches that will be played in 27 venues. But in the end things seem to be done. This tournament, conceived in arrogance, will work simply because it has to. The loss of face should it not be successful would be too horrible to contemplate. Mike Selvey

Pakistan looks to Wasim to restore national pride

Paul Allott on the all-rounder who came of age as captain and diplomat in Australia

ALWAYS thought I would be asked to lead Pakistan in the World Cup," said Wasim Akram, "but I needed a test of character - a hard tour, to prepare myself." He got his in Pakistan. Salim was then wish in Australia -- with a picked to tour Australia, prepare myself." He got his vengeance. Last October Pakistan were

in turmoil. They had lost their first home Test series for 15 years - to Sri Lanka of all people. They also lost the one-day series. This was had enough but worse were lin-gering stories of betting and bribery on the earlier Australia tour of Pakistan. Tim May and Shane Warne alleged



Australia

they had been offered huge sums to throw games. Nothing was proved but Salim Malik was relieved of the Pakistan captaincy pend-ing an investigation by the Board of Control for Cricket

whose press was still baying for his blood. It was hardly an ideal sce-nario for Wasim as incoming captain: poor results, disillu-sioned players, a disenchanted public at home and a distinctly hostile one waiting in Australia. Yet, far from flinching at the prospect of becoming his country's cap-the friendliest teams ever to

tain and ambassador, he tour Australia". relished it. Without doubt Pakistan's outstanding player, Wasim was more mature than when he captained the side two years earlier and was usurped in a players' coup for being too strict, too much of a bully. He is man enough now to admit that he deserved it. scribe his bowling.

The tour of Australia ended in a Test series defeat but Wa-sim's new-look Pakistan won the last Test and then a oneoff match in New Zealand. Results matter and Wasim wanted to win everything but he is proud to be hailed for

his diplomatic achievement. "Before the trip Down Under I made sure that each member of the team realised that this was going to be a bridge-building tour. Paki-stan were perceived very as if to demonstrate his exceppoorly in world cricket. Austional talent.

tralia was going to be extraor-dinarily uncomfortable if we His yorker is phenomenal, giving the waiting batsman a feeling that John Major might didn't make friends, with crowds and players alike. "I attempted to instil in the players the ideals of positive cricket, being aggressive and hard on the field but ap-proachable and sociable off it. understand with a general election looming: he knows it is coming but cannot do any-

thing about it. There have been occasional differences of opinion with batsmen and umpires, mainly was always first into the born of aggression and will to win rather than malice. And Australian dressing-room at close of play to share a cola or two with them." Wasim credits his opposite then there has been alleged ball-tampering.

Prodigious swing when a bail is bowled at pace, espe-cially an old ball, has always number Mark Taylor for his efforts in turning what could have been a most unpleasant raised eyebrows and at times in the past the artificial scuffing of the surface of the ball has been observed. Even Pa-Wasim is well known in kistan's former captain Imran

England, having played Khan has admitted it. county cricket with great dis-tinction since 1968. Undoubt-For the last three years however, unpires can and do inspect the ball at the end of each over to make sure there edly the sociability of his Lancashire team-mates and supporters has cultivated this approach to his game but friendly is not the word to deare no shenanigans. And Wa sim Akram is still as deadly as ever, still swings the ball as much and is still as feared Fearsomely quick off a short but explosive run-up, he swings the ball both ways as ever by batsmen the world

over. Give the man a grape-fruit and he could no doubt so late and at such pace that swing it away and nip it back

so late and at such pare that even accomplished batsmen can look almost comical as they struggle against him. Fielding at slip to him for five years, one watched in awe as each delivery snaked and swung its way towards a side as the best he has played



All-out effort . . . Wasim collides with New Zealand's Chris Harris in the 1992 World Cup semi-final

with during his time at the of them Wasim was seen at he is an outstanding player want a tough quarter-final club. He has become good his best. mates with David Lloyd. He now knows that he can players, after Australia, feel There is no complacency, whom he rates as the best manager-coach he has seen. thrive on responsibility and that to get the best out of playmanager-coach he has seen. He gives Lloyd credit and thanks for making him cap-tain of Lancashire for five matches last season. All the that the Lancashire players respect him, not just because

the same way. Wasim is determined that

There is no complacency, no hiding, just a forthright call for success. No host nation

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Pakistan put up a good perfor-mance in the World Cup. "I should Wasim Akram lift the want emphatic wins in our first two games against New all Pakistan will acclaim him Zeeland and Holland and I as a national hero.

NDIA's build-up to the World Cup has been light, with only a short rain-affected Test series against New Zealand to detain them. Unless pre-tournament rehearsals

South Africa

S TILL churtering on about the rain rule that they firmly believe robbed them of a place in the last final, and with the national rugby and soccer teams displaying sliverware, desper-

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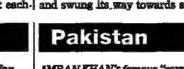
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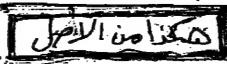
HE more England ridicules Anstralians as wimps for refusing to play in Sri Lanka, the more likely they are to confirm their reputation as favourites. Victorious under

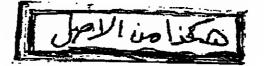


MRAN KHAN's famous "cornered tigers" speech roused them from the depths last time, and they beat England in a memorable final. Times have been tough since then, however, culminat-

India

k Taylor. The decisive re a by the brilliant youngs on and the introduction of in the middle order ensu doubtless bat) brillianti ne's nerve will hold after	e more subtle leadership of placement of the veteran ter Ponting, the return of f one-day specialists, Law and re that Australia will field y. But who knows whether his bribery allegations lia pray that the draw keeps til the final.	Salim Mailk affair. Under the ca though, much progress has been ing a convented, stable and pers ever lifted the cup but in familia the first to do so. Batting can be becoming the only player to part But the bowling remains their to Waqar the most clinical finisher good a leg-spinner as they come.	made recently towards establish- onable side. No home side has r conditions Pakistan could be explosive with Javed Miandad ticipate in all six competitions. rump card with Wasim and rs in the game and Mushtaq as	been satisfactorily replaced : But home advantage is con	siderable, especially outside adultar thrives as an opening lentiful supply. The captain r who can destroy the best 5,000 runs in this form of . Kumble and Prabhakar are	attention to detail. Spanked En appears to be good. Playing strengths lie in a hig the return to fitness of their best	gland last month, so current form h-class pace attack (augmented by t bowler Fanite De Villiers), the we most electrifying fielding in the e self-belief. Despite its depth, re than adequale and prone to		
and batsman. Struggled to	Shane Lee, 22, right-hand batsman, right-arm medium	Wasim Akram (capt), age 29, left-hand batsman, left-arm fast	batsman, left-arm medium- pace bowler. Played the first of	(cept), age 32, right-hand bats-	batsman, wicketkeeper. Steady performer behind the stumps	nont-hand betsman, right-erm	betaman, right-arm fast bowler. Emerged in the recent Test and		
tay side early in his inter-	pace bowler. Lee burst into the side this season on the strength	1993, he was replaced after a	his 24 tests in 1986-87, since when he has figured more often	burst on to the international	betting.	country to a recent double tri-	one-day series against England to show he has the makings of	-2 T. S.E	
blossomed as a limited-	of his powerful batting in the lower middle order.	but was appointed for a second	in the Pakistan limited overs	his first three Tests, in the	ave: 23.90. Catches: 41, stump-	umph over England, taking the Test series 1-0 and one-day	Played: 7. Runs: 96 (HS 667).		
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ian. Jay internationals played;	lan Healy, 31, right-hand bats-	swing and bounce, with a tel- ing yorker. Can be an explosive	Flashid Latif. 27. right-hand	pitched fast bowling led to a lean spell in the late 1980s but a technical adjustment helped	batsman, leg-spinner. Lanky, bespectacled wrist-spinner	ited-overs games. Played in the	hand batsman, wickstkeeper.		
uns: 2,834 (HS 97), ave:	man, wicketkeeper. Fierce	babsman. Played: 193. Runs 1,746 (HS 86), ave: 14.55. Wkts: 282 (BB	bataman, wicketkeeper. Playing first World Cup, Latif is a	him to recover touch and	who spearheads attack with his fastish, economical deliveries,	Played: 77. Runs: 2,263 (HS 112), ave: 35.92. Wits: 54 (BB	Won a place after regular wicketkeeper Dave Richardson		
ael Slater, 25. richt-	and effective bataman at No. 7 or eight where he is renowned	5-15), eve: 22.30.	equally adept behind the stumps against pace and spin. Played: 70. Runs: 4,517 (HS	Played: 199. Runs: 5,400 (HS	including a strong flipper. A shrewd strategist who bowls	2-51), ave 33.33.	broke a finger. Played: 1. Runs: 10 (HS 10), ave		
est opener, Slater has to make a similar impact	for his improvised shots late in the Innings. Most dangerous as	Aamer Sohail, 29, left-hand batsman, slow left-arm bowler.	Played: 70. Huns: 4,517 (HS 39), ave: 15.20. Catches: 68, Stumpings: 18.		tightly even in the slog overs. Played: 71. Runs: 171 (HS 24), eve: 9.00. Wids: 87 (BB 6-12),	Andrew Hudson, 30, right- hand batsman. Opener who scored 163 on Test debut in	10.00. Cetches: 1. Allen Donald, 29, right-hand	* .	
e-day cricket. Dropped recent World Series.	a batsman at times of crisis. Played: 139. Auns: 1,496 (HS 56), ave: 23.38. Catches: 167.	Attacking opener with a wide range of strokes who has repu- tation for playing at his best on	Wager Younis, 24, right-hand	dium-pace bowler. All timing, balance and grace, he has de-	ave: 29.66.	South Africa's first Test against West Indies, in Bridgetown,	South Africa's premier strike	* . ***	
d: 33. Runs: 765 (HS 73), 3.18,	Stumpings: 29,	the big occasion. Played: 85. Runs: 2,681 (HS	batsman, right-ann fast bowler. Missed the 1992 World Cup	veloped into an outstanding batting talent since his Test	Javagal Srinath, 27, right- hand batsman, right-arm fast bowler. Quickest bowler in the	April 1992. Played: 60. Runs: 1,714 (HS	bowler, his pace, hostility and accuracy were a key element in		
Weugh, 30, right-hand	Craig McDermott, 30, right- hand batsman, right-arm fast bowler. Increasingly looking to	134), ave: 32.30. Witts: 59 (BB 4-22), ave: 35.22.	because of a stress fracture of the lower back and subsequent injury problems interrupted his	debut at 16. Bats in the middle- order in Tests but has been	squad, he has emerged as the new-bell replacement for Kapil	108), ave 29.05. Gary Kirsten, 28, left-hand	the Test saries triumph over England. Country's leading one-day wicket-taker.		
bowler/off-spinner. Stylish an who adapted suc-	his discuised alower hell for	Javed Milandad, 38, right- hand bateman. A former cap-	career in 1994-95. A devastat-	pushed up to open in one- dayers. Utility bowler.	Dev. Played: 82. Runs: 176 (HS 37).	batsman. One of four brothers who have played first-class	Played: 57. Runs: 34 (HS 71).		
live to the role of opener	runs rapidly late in the innings. Played: 137. Runs: 432 (HS 37),	tain. Wristy strokemaker who hit century on Test debut with	Ing fast bowler with swinging deliveries, including reverse swing, and lethal yorkers.	Played: 101. Runs: 3,201 (HS 115), ave: 36.37. Wkts: 34 (BB 4-34), ave 51.55.	ave: 8.80. Wkts: 118 (BB 5-24), ave: 25.22.	cricket, opener Kirsten's natu- rally attacking style can give	eve 25.54		
Slater was dropped. 7: 106. Runs: 3,244 (HS	ave: 7.08. Wikts: 202 (BB 5-44), ave: 24.79.	163 against New Zealand. His average of 52.57 for his 124	Played; 112. Runs: 336 (HS 37), ave: 9.06. Witts: 134 (BB 6-26),	Manoj Prabhakar, S2, right-	Venkatapathy Raju, 26, right-hand bataman, left-ann	early impetus to the innings. Made his top score in one-day	Craig Matthews, 33, right- hand batsman, right-arm fast medium bowler. Consistent line		
ave: 34.51. Wkts: 58. (88 ave: 27.26.	Glenn McGrath, 25, right- hand batsman, right-arm fast	Tests illustrates his consistently prolific form.	ave: 22.02. Aagib Javed, 23, right-hand	hand batsman, right-arm me- dium-fast bowler. One of the longest-serving members of the	and length, he played a leading	internationals of 116 in recent series against England. Played: 35. Runs; 1,143 (HS	l and length make Matthews a vital cog in South Africa's fast		
130. right-arm medium	bowler. Gradually assumed McDermott's mantle as Austra-	Played: 228. Auns: 7,327 (HS 119), ave: 41.86.	batsman, right-am fast me- dium bowler. Made first-claes	squad, he can be a highly effective bowler moving the ball	role for India in the 1992 World Cup in Australia and New Zea-	116), ave 35.72.	bowling armoury. Has scored a		
bowler. Immensely experi- middle-order batsman as worked thoughtfully to	lia's main strike bowler this sea- son, adopting a fiercer competi- tive edge.	Salim Mailk, 32, right-hand batsman, right-arm medium pace bowler. Man at the centre	debut at the age of 14 and developed into an accurate bowler able to swing bell both	both in the air and off the pitch. Played: 125, Runs: 1.844 (HS	the background by Kumble's consistent performances.	Daryli Cullingo, 28, right- hand bataman. Mercurial talent who has yet to reach full poten-	batsman in provincial cricket. Played: 43. Runs: 124 (HS 26),		
ome problems with short-	Played: 44. Runs: 26 (HS 10), ave: 3.71. Wits: 62 (BB 5-52),	of the infamous bribery allega- tions who was alleged by three	Ways. Played: 121. Runs: 144 (HS 21),	106), ave: 24.91. Wkts: 154 (BB 5-33), ave, 28.40.	Played: 42. Runs: 29 (HS 6), ave: 3.00. What: 45 (BB 4-46),	tial. Holds record as youngest centurion in first-class crickst in	ave 23.61.		
this reputation.	ave: 24.39. Paul Reiffel, 29, right-hand	Australians to have offered them money to play poorly in a Test during 1994 series in Paki-	ave; 10.28, Wkts: 134 (BB 7-	Ajay Jadeja, 25, right-hand batsman, Belongs to the family	eve: 33.26. Aashish Kapoor, 24, right-	South Africa. Played: 43. Runs: 927 (HS 70"),	hand batsman, right-	- we .	
ave: 30.85. Wkts: 162 (88 ave: 33.61.	batsman, right-arm tast bowler. Vital member of the one-day	stan. Fine strokeplayer.	Ata-Ur-Rehman, 20, right- hand batsman, right-am me-	of Ranjitsinhii, the Indian prince who played for England 100	head batsman off-spinner Has	ave 25.75. Jacques Kallin. 20. doht-	medium bowler. Gained a World Cup place after missing		
ael Bevan, 25, left-hand han, slow left-arm bowler.	side for his unerring accuracy	Played: 214. Runs: 5,441; (HS 102). ave: 30.91. Wids: 55 (BB 5-35), ave: 32.84.	dium-fast bowler. His wickets in one-day games have been	years ago. Has been in and out of the side but comented his place with a series of big scores			a groin injury. Riayed: 62. Runs: 123 (HS 20).		
s one-day ream mis sea-	Capable lower-order batsman. Played: 55. Runs: 365 (HS 58),	Inzamem-UI-Haq, 25, right-	costly. Played: 25. Runs: 27 (HS 11),		0.00. YYKIS; 5 (DD 2-33), eve:	bright future. Made Test debut			
being dismissed only in 10 innings to help his	ave: 24.51.	hand batsman. Stole the spot- light with some thrilling batting during last World Cup in Austra-	ave: 6.75. What 21 (05 5-52), ave: 46.66.	104), ave: 33.31. Nevjot, Sidhu, 32, right-hand	46.80. Venkstesh Presed, 26, right-	against England last December. Played: 7. Runs: 166 (HS 67), ave 27.67	Paul Adams, 19, right-hand batsman, left-arm wrist soinner.		
t the World Series trophy. 1: 25. Runs: 821; (HS 78-).	hand batsman, right-arm me-	its and New Zealand four years	Mushtaq Ahmed, 25, right- hand batsman, leg-spinner.	batsman. Lean and efficient opener who has been moved to	hand batsman, right-arm fast- medium bowler. Yet to appear	Jonty Rhodes, 26, right-hand	South Africa's sensational new	÷.,	
2.10. Wkts: 5 (BB 2-31), 1.00.	dium fast bowier. Has returned to the international stage after injury cut short his tour to West	ego. Powerful hitter of the ball whose great strength is on the leg side.	Made his mark with significant apells to help Pakistan win last World Cup but proved uneven	the No. 3 slot to admit Tendul kar's promotion at one-day	In Test cricket, he first played for his country at one-day level in 1993-94. Seams the ball both		Ing style, Adams is a coloured playar who made a stunning		
Ponting, 21, right-hand	Played: 14 Pune: 14- AUR 51	leg side. Played: 96. Runs: 3,307 (HS 137), ave: 41.33.	performer in Tests and was dropped in early 1995.	level. Strong fielder. Played: 82. Runs: 3,467 (HS	Ways.	Ited-overs team. Struggled with batting form during much of the Test and one-day aeries against	DIAVAT IN ILIST & FRW months in		
ed as the most accom-	ave: 74.00. Wids: 20 (88 4-39), ave: 25.85.	Ramiz Raja 33, right-hand batsman. Younger brother of	Played: 90. Runs: 263 (HS 26), ave: 9.06. With: 99 (BB 3-14),	194'), ave: 42.80. Vined Kambil, 24, left-hand	2.25. Wkts: 19 (BB 3-36), ave: 36.42.	England. Played: 76. Runs: 1,745 (HS	Played 3. Buns: 0 With A IDD		
d and naturally gifted lian batsman to emerge		the former Test all-rounder Wa- sim Raja, Ramiz enjoyed a suc-	ave: 33.29.	batsmen. The only left-hander in the squad, who has been	Sali Ankola, 27. right-hand	66), ave 28.15. Brian McNillan, 32, right-	Pat Symeon. 35. dobt-hand		
eneration. A talented all-	winner in both Test and one- day cricket. A big spinner of the	cessful 1992 World Cup in which he hit two hundreds.	sadium weatend is' idut-	regularly shuffled about in the order. A stylish strokeplayer.	nace howlar His only Test was	hand batsman right.orm feet	batsman, off-spinner. Practical joker of the South African team whose powerful batting down	0	
capable of deputising for aly behind the stumps	ball, with a potent flipper, Warne also bowls with remark-	Played: 170. Runs: 5,257 (HS 1197, ave: 33.69.	series against Sri Lanka last September, showing promise	Played: 61. Runa: 1,741 (HS 100'), ave: 40.48.	tional level. Key element of his	rect betting stvia, he played an	The order enhanced his salar.	1	
: 16. Runs: 464 (HS 123), 3.14.	able accuracy and rarely suffers heavy punishment.	Saeed Anwar, 27, left-hand batsman, slow left-arm bowler.	with nine wickets in two	Sanjay Menjrelar, 30, right- hand batsman. Sturdy middle-	bowling is ability to extract good bounce.	influential role in South Africa's recent victories over England	figures of 3-20 against West		
an, right-arm medium	Played: 52. Runs: 240 (HS 55), ave: 14.12. Wkts: 87 (BB 4-19),	Eight one-day hundreds include -	Playad: 5. Runs: 30 (HS 30).	order bat who has put ematic	Played: 14. Runs: 14 (HS 7"), ave: 3.50. Wids: 11 (BB 3-33),	Hit highest one-day score of 127 against Zimbebwe last	Company TO Charge data and and	4	
bowler. Solid performer oth bat and ball.	ave: 21.49.	Indies. Played: 82. Runs: 2,541 (HS	ave: 21.62. ONE TO WATCH:	come a sheet anchor. Played: 59, Rums: 1,604 (HS	ave: 35.09. ONE TO WATCH:	October. Played: 45, Runs: 599 /US 1970	ave 29.11.		
: 14. Runs: 385 (HS 110), 9.62. Wkts: 6 (BB 2-30),	Ricky Ponting Odds: 100-30 fav.	131), ave: 33.88. Wids: 3 (88 1- 9) ave: 43.33.	Wasim Akrant	105), ave: 34.86. Nayan Mongie, 26, right-hand I	Anii Kumble	ave 27.23. Wids: 44 (BB 4-32), ave 37.54.	ONE TO WATCH: Paul Adams		
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CRICKET: THE SIXTH WORLD CUP



High ambition ... hard work has raised Martin's sights and aggression

England's own 'Digger' with the heart to make a deeper impact

Mike Selvey on Peter Martin, the Lancashire bowler who has made giant strides into the international game in nine months

Devon" dyslexia, confirmed him as Martin Peters and told us he was 10 years ahead of his time.

But "Digger" Martin (un-usually for an England cricketer these days the nickname comes not from an Australian upbringing but is a reference to Cliff Barnes's alcoholic father in Dallas and an inci dent with a bottle of Bailey's) is very much a cricketer for today, an integral part of Eng-land's World Cup effort and one of the few players to emerge from the tour of South Africa with reputation not just intact but enhanced.

A year ago he was, by most estimations, a journeyman fast-medium swing bowler doing his bit for Lancashire. cursing his luck but unable to indulge in the massive infusion of self-belief that helps elevate the county cricketer to the next level.

Yet such has been Martin's progress that in only nine months he has played half-a-dozen Test matches and seven one-day internationals. He still speaks in amazed tones of the change in his fortunes. "It's been weird ... I wouldn't have said that at 26 I had given up hope of playing for England but there was no way that I thought the chance was so close.

Martin believes his nam amerged when, at the right time, with the selectors looking for another bowler, he produced some exemplary figtres in a high-scoring Benson and Hedges Cup match. "I've always bowled well in those sort of games, plugging away, not going for too many, pick-ing up a couple of wickets at the start, doing all right at the death, and it helps doing that when the England captain is there. But even then people had been going on about my county colleague Glan Chap-ple, who had had some exceptional A tours but was tired and certainly not bowling as well as I was.

The thought that he might get a chance had still not crossed his mind, however until a dinner conversation with Lancashire's wicket

Dominic Cork, 24, right-hand

Domanto Gonic, 24, ngm-nand batsman, right-arm fast-me-dium bowler. Vibrant, thinking crickater always keen to work at improving his game. Played: 14. Funs: 56 (HS 21), ave 7.00. Wikts: 21 (BB 3-27), ave 28.95.

Phillip DeFreitas, 30, right-hand batsman, right-arm me-dium-pace bowler. An uneven performer in Tests, particularly

overseas, he reminded England of his qualities as an accurate and economical bowler playing against them for Boland. Played: 97. Runs: 601 (HS 49), ave 14.65. Wkts: 109 (BB 4-35), ave 32.53

Peter Martin, 27, right-hand batsman, right-arm fast-me-dium bowler. Made an impres-

sive debut in the one-day inter-nationals against West Indies last year when he swung the ball effectively. Played: Played 7. Runs: 21 (HS 6), ave 21.00. Wrts: 13 (BB 4-44) ave 20.07

Richard Illingworth, 32, right-hand batsman, left-arm spinner. Cast off his image as a defensive slow bowler when he was recalled after a four-year absence to the Test side against West Indies last year. *Played: 21. Runs: 64 (HS 14),* ave 10.66. Wikts: 26 (BB 3-33), ave 34.03.

Neil Smith, 28, right-hand batsman, off-spinner. Took two wickets and scored three runs

in the two one-day internation-als he played in South Africa but produced effective all-round performances in limited-

overs cricket for Warwickshire. Played: 2. Runs: 3 (HS 3), are 3.00. Witts: 2 (BB 2-46), are

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ONE TO WATCH:

F LORD Ted were still in keeper Warren Hegg. "He confidence that he was not charge he might have em-suddenly told me he reckoned out of his depth. "I was very ployed his "Malcolm I had a chance. Initially my nervous beforehand. I'd got a reaction was to say 'bollocks' but it got me thinking maybe the idea was not so stupid. When the call came I was still dead surprised, but ready." His introduction to the in-

ternational scene was the stuff of dreams: in the second one-day match he found a foot was hanging off. Since then I've been OK." pitch that had pace and carry in it, and a ball that swung. Four wickets were his reward, including that of Brian Lara, beaten by the late movement and bowled be-tween bat and pad, the sort of old-fashioned dismissal that

seemed to have disappeared from the bowling repertoire. From that match came the thought I'd shown enough po-

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a go. But Athers explained that he didn't want me and Gus Fraser in the same side, and that my strike rate about 2.5 wickets a match on average — needed improving accepted it. I realise now should have stamped my ausore heel and I thought if I bowl like a twat, the crowd thority on the game more. are going to think 'what's go-ing on, who is this bloke?' In-stead I slipped into a rhythm, Johnson's back injury meant Martin ended up in South Africa and, after missit went well and I got away ing out on the first two Tests with it because it felt like my he was brought into the side

Yet the tour that has been ripheral matches — particu the making of him almost did larly on the moribund pitch not happen. Instead of being selected for South Africa he in Paarl where, from some where (6ft Jin is a good start) was pencilled in for the A tour to Pakistan, and his he found bounce and move ment. That, and sturdy, enthusiastic net sessions, kept place went instead to Richard Johnson, "I was a bit pissed him in the side for the rest of off to tell the truth, the series. says Martin, "because I honestly

But with a good toehold, Martin has to improve his

tential in the Tests to give me I ability to take wickets to retain his position. When he burst on the scene, his bowling was predictable, with the away swing banana ing early from a slightly low arm and not counterbalanced by any more subtle tactical variation than simply a ball pushed in on the angle. Since then, with the help of Peter Lever, who has coached him since he was in Durban after some excel ent performances in the pe-

16, he has added a yard of pace, hits the deck harder, zips the ball around later, be coming more aggressive and positive in his self-belief. With more hard work, and a decent inswinger, he could become an exceptional inter-national bowler.

But the World Cup is not the time to become fancy. "I know there are a few things to think about and tinker "but for the with," be says moment I am going to go with what I have

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BRIAN LARA has restated his admiration for the West Bindian side in writing, since ending his self-imposed exile from international cricket, but it is questionable whether many spectators will be so impressed. Without a World Cup win since their successes in England in 1975 and 1979, there are few prospects of improvement hare in conc 1996.

Richardson's authority as captain continues to be weak-ened by his batting failures, Hooper's withdrawal through illness is a massive all-round blow, and an ageing pace attack will not welcome a draining itinerary. Unless Lara maintains exalted heights, it is difficult to see West Indies surviving past the quarter-finals.

down in 1991; has recently come under fire from critics for Roger Harper, 32, right-hand batsman, off-spinner. Dis-carded at Test level, has behis lack of firm leadership. Played: 218. Runs 6,012 (HS come regular choice in one-day 122), ave: 32.85. 'bits and pleces'' role. Fine fielderman. Played: 93. Runs: 744 (HS 45°), ave: 16.53. Wkts: 81 (BB 4-40), ava: 36.69. England, making an excellent 93 at Lord's. Agile close Courtney Browne, 24, right-hand batsman, wicketkeeper. fieldsman. Played: 22. Runs: 553 (HS 86). Impressed on England tour, dis-placing Junior Murray.. Played: 13. Runs: 32 (HS 22), eve: 25.13. ave: 10.25. Catches: 22. Stumpings: 3. Brian Lara, 26, left-hand batsman. Holder of world records for the highest score in Test (375) and first-class cricket Courtney Watsh, 33, right-hand batsman; right-arm fast bowler. West indies' most con-sistently successful fast bowler in recent years. Capitaln In India and NZ in 1994-95 when Rich-ardeon was resting (501"), his sublime batsmanship makes him the game's biggest draw-card. Made a late withdrawal from tour of Australia. Squad's hopes rest largely on andson was resting. Played: 150. Runs: 259 (HS 30), ave: 8.09. Wkts: 166 (BB 5-1), his shoulders. Played: 92, Runs: 3,702 (HS 169), ave: 44.07. ave: 30.36. Jimmy Adams, 28, left-hand batsman, left-arm spinner. Gritty performer since Test Curtiy Ambrose, 32, left-hand batsman, right-arm fast bowler. One of the most menacing fast debut in 1992. Touched peak batting form on 1994 tour of India but did little of note in England last year. Change bowlers in world cricket with bowers in word crocks with speed, disconcerting bounce and movement; shackles bats-men with relentless accuracy. Missed 1994 tour of India to rest shoulder injury; not consis-tently at his best since bowler; stand-by wicketkeeper. Played: 50, Runs: 893 (HS 81"), ave: 27.72. Wkts: 2 (BB 1-2). returning. Played: 122. Runs: 403 (HS 26'), ave: 11.19. Wkts 164 (BB 5-17), ave: 23.06. ave: 29,50. Keith Arthurton, 31, dogged left-hand middle-order bats-man; brilliant fieldsman. Debut tan Bishop, 28, right-hand batsman, right-arm fast bowler. Twice had his international 1988, but inconsistent in Tests. Dropped for Sharjah and World Series one-dayers. Played: 81, Runs: 1,651 (HS career interrupted by stress fractures in his lower vertebra since debut in 1989. Made a 84), ave: 29.48. Wkts: 21 (BB 3-31), ave: 26.38. successful comeback early last Shivnerine Chanderpaul, 21, vear with his action remodelled. Useful tail-end batsman. Played: 66. Runs: 270 (HS 33*), ave: 14.21. Wkts: 106 (BB 5-25), ave: 23.02. Shive at the Characterisan, 21, left-hand batsman. After prolific scoring in youth cricket he was thrust-into 1994 home Test series against England and proved a model of consistancy. *Played: 18, Runs: 443 (HS 77),* mar 29, 53 Cameron Cuffy, 26, right-hand batsman, right-erm fast bowler. Cailed into the souad when Carl

ave: 29.53 Roland Holder, 28, right-hand Hooper pulled out for personal and health reasons. Played: 9. Runs: 20 (HS 17"), ava: 10.00. Witts: 6 (BB 2-19). batsman. Unlucky to miss out on a Test place so far. Chosen as replacement when Lara pulled out of Australia tour. Played: 18. Runs: 331 (HS: 50), ave: 48.0. ONE TO WATCH: ave: 27.58.

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Ottis Gibson, 26, right-hand Brian Lara batsman, right-arm fast me- 1 ODDS: 11-2.

WITH three losing finals in five World Cups — the last of them in Melbourne almost four years ago — England are the nearly side of the competition. They return to the sub-continent on the back of a tired 6—1 drubbing by South Africa last month that perhaps was not a true reflection of their ability. With a following

England

one-day series in England. Played: 31. Runs 1,214 (HS 127), ave 41.86;

Alec Stewart, 32, right-hand

Alec Stewart, 32, right-hand batsman/wicketkeeper. Opener and lovely timer of the ball whose instinctive attacking style makes him ideally suited to give a one-day innings a flying start. *Played: 68. Runs: 1,796 (HS 103), ave 30.96. Catches: 55.* Stimologe: 4

Graham Thorpe, 26, left-hand batsman. Good tempera-ment and, with an improved technique, became England's most reliable performer until his modest tour of South Africa.

But has proved a punishing batsman at international one-

day level. Played: 54. Runs: 1,770 (HS 105"), ave 37.65. Wikts: 15 (BB

Robin Smith, 32, right-hand

batsman. Courageous player of hostie fast bowing but has had to re-establish his England

place after left cheekbone was fractured by a lifting ball from lan Bishop last year. Played: 69, Runs: 2,319 (HS

Neil Fairbrother, 32, left-hand batsman. Resourceful

strokemaker, nimble runner be-tween wickets and rapid scorer.

Outstanding fielder. Played: 51.Runs: 1,451 (HS 113), ave 38.18.

Jack Russell, 32, wicket-

keeper, left-hand batsman. Since taking over the Glouces-

tershire captaincy last year, his batting has grown in stature at domestic and Test level. High-

class behind the stumps. Played: 31. Runs: 354 (HS 50),

ave 20.82. Catches: 32. Stump-

Craig White, 26, right-hand

Craig White, 26, right-hand Graeme Hick batsman, right-arm medium- ODDS: 3-1

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3-41), ave 38.46.

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permass bas not a true repetition of their ability. With a following wind they are capable of taking the trophy. The strength of the side is in the batting which, despite a dismal one-day series in South Africa, potentially is as strong as any in the competition. The key to it all, perhaps, is Graeme Hick who might prove the batsman of the tournament. The bouling, however, remains merely adequate and an expedient if emotive decision will have to be mode at to whether Ale Stanward have a former of the strong of the standard to the tournament. be made as to whether Alec Stewart keeps wicket in place of Jack Russell in order to accommodate an extra bowler.

modest tour of South Africa. Naturally aggressive middle order batsman. Played: 19. Runs: 596 (HS 89), are 32.55. **Graeme Nick,** 29, right-hand batsman. Effectively took four years to establish his Test place after 1991 debut, with poor

years to establish his Test place tour of Australia. after 1991 debut, with poor Played: 16. Runs: 93 (HS 45), technique against short-pitched fast bowling his Achilles heel, are 19.67.

Sri Lanka

SRI LANKA's receding prospects cannot be considered without considerable sadness. A breezy if impulsive one-day batting side — the strongest in their history — was capable of spectacular deeds in the group stages, most particularly from their wicketkeeper and opening bats-man Kaluwitharna. But the sense of loss and betrayal in the wake of the terrorist bomb in Colombo is considerable. Additionally, a key howier, Muralitharan is still update. Additionally, a key bowler, Muralitharan, is still under-mined by allegations of throwing during the recent tour of Australia.

Unless the International Cricket Council can find a mi-raculous solution, Sri Lanka, a good outside bet a few months ago, face further depre

Arjune Renatunge, (capt), age (Romesh Kakuwitharane, 26, 32, left-hand batsman, right-arm medium pace bowler. One keeper. Diminutive, dashing of the most experienced play-ers in the World Cup who is appearing in his fourth tourna-ment. Attacking left-hand bat right-hand bet who strikes the ball hard and has played many useful carneos for his side. Played: 40. Runs: 535 (HS 77), ave: 15.73. Catches: 26. and useful one-day bowler with deceptive medium pace. Played: 178. Runs; 4,913 (HS 102"), ave: 35.06. Wkts: 74 (B8 4-14), ave: 47.78. Stumpings: 13. Chaminda Vaas, 20, left-hand batsman, left-arm fast bowler. Has been the leading figure behind the resurgence of Sri Lankan cricket during past few months. Has taken 42 wickets in 10 Tests. Capable one-day performer. Aravinda De Silva, 30, right-hand batsman, off-spinner. The hand batsman, off-spinner. The side's vice-captain playing his third World Cup, De Silva is a dashing batsman capable of tearing apart any attack. En-joyed a superb debut season in county cricket with Kent last year. Steady one-day bowler. Played: 175. Runs: 4,825 (HS 107), ave: 31.80. Wkts: 45 (BB 3-36), ave: 43.00. performer. Played: 40. Runs: 197 (HS 33), ave: 17.90. Wkts: 50 (BB 4-20), IME 28.06 Ravindra Pushpakumara, 24, right-hand batsman, right-arm fast bowler. Easily the fast-est bowler in the side, capable of moving the ball both ways. Had a fairly successful World Series in Australia. Sanath Jayasuriya, 26. lefthand bat, left-arm orthodox hand bat, left-arm orthodox spinner. Aggressive batsman and excellent fielder in any po-sition. Relishes the one-day game and will probably open the batting. *Played:* 98. *Runs:* 1,776 (HS 140), ave: 19.73. Wkts: 71 (BB 6-29), ave: 34.71. Played: 18. Runs: 34 (HS 14"), ave: 17.00. Wkts: 14 (BB 3-25), ave: 49.07. Pramodya Wickrema singhe, 24, right-hand bats-man, right-arm fast medium bowler. Playing his second World Cup and will open attack Asanka Gurusinha, 29, lefthand batsman, right-arm me-dium pace bowler. Another vary with Vaes. Played: 75. Runs: 118 (HS 21'), ave: 6.94. Wids: 57 (BB 3-28), experienced player who is a steady bat in the vital No. 3 spot. Bowls useful medium ave: 41.42 Muttiah Muralitharan, 23, right-hand batsman, off-spin-ner. Has very unorthodox pacers. Played: 128. Runs: 3,345 (HS 117), ave: 27.64. Wkts: 26 (BB) action and is at centre of con-2-25), ave: 51.42. troversy after being called for throwing during recent tour of Australia. Inclusion in squad is Hashan Tillekeratne, 29, left-hand batsman. Stylish bat and brilliant close fielder with Confirmation his country be-lieves he was unfairly treated. Excellent fielder. Played: 35. Runs: 31 (HS 8), ave: 5.16. Wikts: 37 (BB 4-23), ave: 35.16. and onlinant close fielder with ability to keep wicket. The most consistent Sri Lankan per-former in recent years, Tilleker-atne, although betting at No. 6, has the highest Test batting average among the side of 40.12. Kumara Dharmasena, 26 Played: 122. Runs: 2,334 (HS right-hand batsman, off-spinner. Delivers quickish off-breaks and is plucky lower order batsman. Has made use-ful contributions with both bat 104), ava: 28.83. Catches: 57. Stumpings: 5. Roshan Mahanama, 29, right-hand batsman. Elegant opener who is playing in his second World Cup. Excellent fielder. and ball, Played: 26. Runs: 241 (HS 30*), ave: 24.10. Wkts: 29 (BB 4-37), ave: 32.13. Played: 135. Runs: 3,565 (HS 119*), ave: 29.95. Upul Chandana, 25, right-hand batsman, leg-spinner. Adds variety to the side but unlikely to secure place. Played: 5. Runs: 46 (HS 26), ave: 15.33. No wickets. Marvan Attapathu, 24. nght-hand batsman. Stylish player who has been in prolific form in domestic games but unable to sustain his obvious talent at international level. Good fielder. Played: 7. Runs: 43 (HS 197). ODDS: 8-1. ONE TO WATCH: sh Kakuwitharana ave: 10.75. ÷.

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The outsiders

New Zealand

New Zealand BRILLIANT innovative toctics and inspirational batting from Martin Crowe made the Eiusis the surprise package in the last World Cup. But Crowe has gone and, following some contro-versial times recently, a resolute clear-out by the team coach Glenn Turner leaves the side with a squod that at best is enthusiastic. Enthusiasm can work wonders, however, and a 2-2 draw in a recent four-match series with Pakistan shows that New Zealand are not to be taken lightly. They are led by an astute captain in Lee Germon — inexperienced at interna-tional level but highly respected in provincial cricket — and carry a plethora of bits-and-pieces players ideally suited to slow pitches and the one-day format. Weak batting and a lack of genuine international class — Chris Cairns a notable of genuine international class — Chris Cairns a notable exception — will count against them. Destined to be irritants One to watch: Chris Cairns. Odds: 28-1.

Zimbabwe

EXPECT Zimbabwe to become the only Test nation to EXPECT Zimbabwe to become the only Test nation to fail to qualify for the quarter-finals, especially now that Dave Houghton's last opportunity before his retirement to gain recognition as a world-class batsman has been lost through injury. Zimbabwe will undoubtedly field brilliantly, Heath Streak has all-round ability and the Flower brothers are a well-drilled opening pair, with a fine understanding between the wickets, but limitations elsewhere are considerable. A breakthrough for Olonga would invigorate Zimbabwe's efforts to widen its largely white base. But the fast bowler was called for throwing on his Test debut and represents the riskiest of selections. of selections.

One to watch: Henry Olonga. Odds: 200-1.

Holland

GIVEN that in recent years they have beaten South Africa, West Indies, England and Australia A, and managed to rack up 267 against Northamptonshire in last year's NatWest Trophy before losing by seven wickets, the Dutch, a cosmopoli-tan lot, could be extremely loose cannons. Much of their credibility depends on the performance of two imported opening batsmen, the Bajan Nolan Clarke — at 47 the oldest man in the tournament — and Peter Cantrell from Queens-land. Clarke, who made 159 for Barbados against Mike Denness's team 22 years ago. is still sufficiently adept to have been the leading hitter of sizes in the 1994 Hong Kong Sizes tournament, while Cantrell played for his former state against England in 1991. The attack features Glamorgan's Roland Lefebore, and Paul Jan Nip' Bakker, the first Dutchman to play county cricket and Hampshire's leading wicket taker in

One to watch: Nolan Clarke. Odds: 1,000-1

Kenya

IF any of the three non-Test nations is capable of pulling off a surprise, it is Kenya. They sampled Asian condi-tions in Bangladesh last year and recently overcame an tions in Bangladesh last year and recently overcame an Indian A touring team, including five Test players, at one-day level. In Steve Tikolo, a professional with Border in South Africa, they have a batsman to be reckoned with. But Kenya's preparations have been fraught. Financial squabbles, an apparent lack of equip-ment (when they requested white balls, the players received red ones painted white) and racial jealousies between the eight black Kenyans and six players of Indian origin have all unset orenarations. They still Indian origin have all upset preparations. They still might just do something startling. One to watch: Steve Tikolo. Odds: 2,000-1.

United Arab Emirates

United Arab Emirates CHANGES to ICC qualification rules mean that this could be the first and last World Cup appearance by an Emirates side for some while. They qualified for the competition by winning the ICC Trophy but, along with Kenya, Holland and Zimba-bue, are not expected to qualify for the quarter-finals. With the captain Sultan Zarawani the only UAE national, the squad captain Sultan Zarawani the only UAE national, the squad consists almost entirely of expat former first-class cricketers from the subcontinent who had migrated to the Gulf in search of employment. They have prepared diligently but suffered a setback when the former Indian pace bowler Madan Lal, who helped them qualify, quit after the Emirates Cricket Board had failed to offer him a long-term contract. Hopes of an upset appear to rest largely on the all-round skills of Saleem Raza, who has played limited-overs cricket for Pakistan, and Maz-har Hussain, who toured with Pakistan B a decade ago. One to watch: Saleem Raza. Odds: 2.000-1 One to watch: Saleem Raza. Odds: 2,000-1

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DO SOCCER CLUBS PRACTISE RACIST STEREOTYPING?

Sports Guardian

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RICKET's World Cup will be launched amid a blaze of colour and light in Calcutta tomorrow night when 10,000 policemen, sniffer dogs and bomb detectors will also be on hand to ensure that the opening ceremony does not add to the tournament's catalogue of

The cup omens are not good. Australia's squad left Sydney yesterday insisting that they would not change; their mind and compete in Sri Lanka. West Indies have adopted a similar standpoint while the organisers Pilcom are adamant that no games will be rescheduled.

"They [the Australians and West Indies] should not expect any concessions. We have offered them what we could do. Sri Lanka has said they can bost the matches and provide adequate security and we have no reason to doubt their word," said Pilcom's convenor secretary Jagmohan Dalmiya. Sri Lanka's Foreign Minis-

ter Lakshman Radrigamar sought to defuse tension yes-terday by sending a bouquet of flowers to his Australian counterpart, while in India the ICC chairman Sir Clyde Walcott and chief executive David Richards met Pilcom officials. Although no break through was made Sir Clyde said he had a "number of op-tions in mind" when discussions resume with a meeting between representatives of all the mans roday.

Unless he succeeds Sri Lanka will be winnedly guar-anteed a quarter final place before a ball is bowled.

There was more bad news for the organisers yesterday when an 84-tonne crane being used to install floodlights in Bombay's main stadium top-pled over and damaged the outfield. The impact left a

gress into the professional game is hampered by racial stereotyping and the current vogue for foreign players. The claim is made in Asians Can't Play Football, a forthcoming report of the first comprehensive survey of

young Asians, even though there is only one Asian pro-fessional in the league at the moment — Chris Dolby of Bradford City — and con-cludes: "There is a strong ar-gument for suggesting that Asian players are a large, un-tapped pool of domestic foot-balling talent. "At a time when an alleged **RITISH Asian foot**ballers represent a large pool of un-tapped domestic tal-ent but their pro-

"At a time when an alleged dearth of English-born talent is forcing clubs to search for

69 per cent of professional football club officials ques tioned believe that Asian foot-ballers are physically inferior to other footballers, and 40 per cent said the Asian foot-ballers lacked the necessary

actively discouraged them from professional soccer, either for far of iniur or but religion and language explained the absence of Asians Some officals even stated that preferring them to concentrate on studies. Almost 60 per cent said their parents were unable to comprehend the dist of Asian players prevented them from competing at a professional level "There is no doubt in our their sons' enthusiasm for the opinion that the process of Came. negative stereotyping has pre-vented the breakthrough into professional football of a sig-nificant number of Asian foot-The experiences of Asian apprentices at professional football clubs were that more than 60 per cent felt their parents had been a negative influence. Almost all said they had enountered racism at their clubs. ballers," states Bains. "If clubs are referring to physical inferiority or diet then one wonders, for exam-ple, how size figured in the transfer of Juninho to The report calls for a compreheosive strategy between the professional game and the Asian community to try to Middlesbrough. The survey, which involved interviews with more than 200 Asian footballers, found sent to the first five correct entries drawn. Entries to Guardian Crossword No 20,572, Reference Marketing, tackle the shortage of profes sional Asian players. It says that football clubs must acthat 86 per cent of them play London, W6 8JB, by first post on Friday. Solution and cept a degree of responsibility

than half have been playing and should attempt to estab-lish closer links with the Just over 64 per cent said

they encountered racism while playing football. More than half said they believed they had the ability to compete at some level of the pro-

The report does acknowl edge that one of the would-be Asian professionals' biggest obstacles is the attitude of their parents. More than half admitted that their parents

has become a mere cash machine for the major clubs of Asian community. Scouts should start attendsion companies that screen their matches

ing matches involving Asian teams and more effort is needed to eradicate racist be-haviour at all levels of the

Cup as a showcase for the best The report also states that, the European club game could offer. Sir Stanley Rous, the secretary of the FA and later while there is a significant number of Asian adult teams, more emphasis needs to be placed on developing boys' teams and that the commupresident of Fife, saw in the Inter-Cities Fairs (later Uefa) nity itself should give more encouragement to potential

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open door joined by fellow-clubs with the best domestic records over a specified period yet to be fixed. Those who argue that the Champions' Cup will not be devalued as a result have mis-laid their sense of values. Even the practice of allowing European Cup winners automatic entry to the following season's tournament was dubious. Bay-ern Munich, for example.

Meaning lost

at Uefa's

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retained the trophy in 1975 while finishing 10th out of 18 In the Bundesligs, It is strange but Uefa seems

the Italian championship last season and lost to Ajax in the European Cup final. San Siro regards the Uefa Cup as some-thing to put flowers in and so. lo and behold, a system is de-vised whereby Milan are vir-tually assured a Champions

reached in which the biggest clubs pay their players so much, and the leading television companies are so dependent for ratings on the success of their respective teams, that neither can risk the sudden exits which are the very essence of

est now to set up a proper television-based European league. Those finishing bottom would be relegated only if an-other team promised higher ratings

pool, Arsenal, Newcastle and Rangers would join the likes of Milan, Juventus, Bayern Mu-nich, Paris St-Germain, Ajax, Anderlecht, Real Madrid, Barcelona, Benfica, Porto and any leading club from eastern Europe that had not sold its best players.

European football has lost all sense of balance between east and west. A fine Spartak Moscow team has seen its assets stripped after qualifying with distinction for the Champions' Oup quarter-finals. Money rule

After Bosman the game in the west is even more likely to be dominated by multinational sets of mercenaries. Puskas and Di Stefano were not Spanish but they did enhance the grandeur of Real Madrid, as did the Dutch trio at Milan, For Van Basten read Weah but the latter's cynical abandonment of his allegiance to PS-G last season, even as he played against Milan in the Champions' Cup semi-finais, was a sad sign of the times.

to suffer these upheavals whenever a major club has blown it. Milan failed to win League place every year. SITUATION has been **NTE**

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Out in the cold . . . young Asians above Bradford City's Valley Parade stadium, where Britain's only Asian professional plays 'Asians can't play' barrier

Vivek Chaudhary on a new report which claims talented young footballers are being ignored because of their ethnic background

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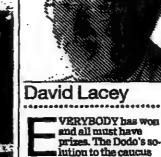
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reduced to selling-plate status From a footballing point of

view it is hard to cavil at the prospect of 10 English clubs

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which took more than a year to compile and involved inter views with Asian footballers. officals of professional foot-ball clubs, sports teachers and youth development

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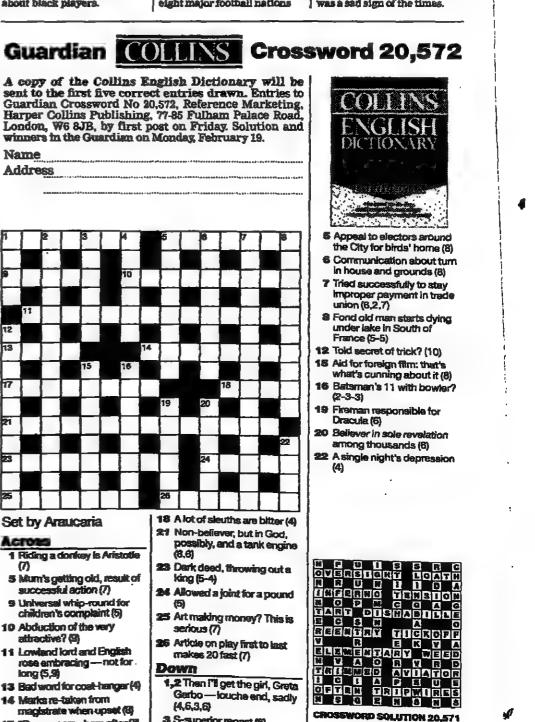
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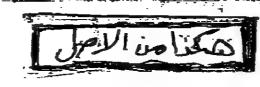
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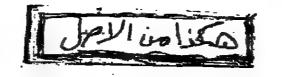
winners in the Guardian on Monday, February 19.

mit Uefa and the representatives of the leading clubs man-aged to reject the league idea while continuing to seek the safeguards a league might bring. So what is left of Hanot's ideal will shortly be reduced to an ungainly hy-brid, with the champions of eight major football nations





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Sir Richard Scott talks to RICHARD NORTON-TAYLOR about the Government whispering campaign against his report on arms to Iraq, out next week. Below GEOFFREY ROBERTSON argues for the scandal to be used to prise open Whitehall

Worms turn on Scott

MARK of Whitehall's desperation as it awaits next week's excoriating report on the arms-to-Iraq scandal is the utterly trivial and insidious nature of some aspects of its campaign against the author. Sir Richard Scott cycles to work; that shows how eccentric, how puritanical, how over-virtu-ous he is, say his detractors. Sir Richard sighs with a mixture of irritation and bemusement. His practice of cycling to work is "entirely pragmatic", he explains. You don't have to travel in the Underground, "to stand like veal calves in a crate". You don't have to wait around for buses, or time exactly each stage of your journey to catch the train. He mentions other judges who cycle to their chambers — the law lord, Lord Woolf, the Appeal Court

udge, Leonard Hoffmann, and the High Court judge, Stephen Sedley Cycling could be a symbol of

mend that never again in criminal cases should minis-ters be allowed to sign Public Interest Immunity certificates — so-called gagging orders — in the blanket way they did in the Matrix case, where they did not even bother to read the documents they attempted to suppress to see whether they were relevant to the defence. Sir Richard is also likely to conclude that Parliament was consistently misled. The key question is whether he believes MPs were deliber-ately misled by ministers, an offence which John Major has said is a resigning matter. The judge was coy in an interview with the Guardian yesterday, suggesting only that the public had benefitted from a "searchlight" on a part of government. "The allega-tions which were being investigated were of alleged

liott Scott was born 61 years A picture has been ago in Dehra Dun, in the foot hills of the Himalayas where painted of a judge his father, an accomplished with delusions of orseman, was a colonel in th 2/9th Gurkha Rifles. Sir Richard spent his early years on the North West frontier in th grandeur, of a twilight of the Raj before his father was invalided out of the cavalier disregard Indian Army in 1942. His parents moved to South for procedures Africa, to a 500-acre farm on misdemeanour by public offi-cials of what they had done in the Mooi river in Natal. He was educated at Michael-house, modelled on an English actions of government and government is conducted on public school. There he excelled both academically and at sport, including box-ing, sprinting and rugby. He ehalf of the public." It is not the first time Sir Richard has upset the White-hall establishment. In 1987, he went on to read law at Cape Town University and in 1955 won a Commonwealth scholarship to Cambridge, roundly dismissed the Gov. ernment's attempts to prevent the press from publishing the contents of Spycatcher, the memoirs of the former MIS where he was awarded first class honours. He also won a rugby blue as a wing forward in the 1957 varsity match against Oxford. agent, Peter Wright. "The ability of the press freely to report allegations of scandals in government is one of the bulwarks of our democratic society," he said. "The impor-tance to the public of this Sir Richard then won a fellowship to Chicago Universi-ty. There he met his wife, Rima Ripoll, a New York-born Panamian studying at nearby country of the allegation that members of MI5 endeavoured university and an accomto undermine and destroy public confidence in an plished flamenco dancer. He returned to Britain where he was qualified to practice at the Bar. "I had to earn my elected government makes the public the proper recipient of the information." living." he says. He had no "great life plan", he describes his early life as an example of It is a judgment anxious Whitehall officials awaiting the "theory of drift". He was elected chairman of the Bar in 1982, where he enhis report this week might not wish to be reminded about. The context is different, but couraged steps to be taken to monitor the lack of advancethe themes of secrecy, of the Government-knows-best apment of black barristers. The proach are the same. Why John Major appointed following year, he was ap-pointed a Chancery judge Sir Richard, a judge with a reputation for rigorous inde-pendence, to conduct the inquiry is a question that has been asked repeatedly over where he was admired — espe cially on the northern circuit

the past three years by the growing number of ministers and civil servants who have reason to regret the decision. One view is that Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, was so concerned about the charges levelled against government lawyers during the Matrix Churchill arms to Iraq trial whose collapse in November 1992 led to the setting up of the Scott inquiry - that he was determined to recommend a judge who would fearlessly go to the heart of the problem. Asked, as he always is, why he was chosen for the task, Sir Richard says: "Up to a point I know, but beyond that point I don'L" A judge was needed since only a judge, not a for-mer official or minister,

would be seen to be indepenient. Since matters of "high policy" were involved, a senior judge had to be chosen He was picked. Sir Richard Rashleigh Fol-



two of Sir Richard's most striking characteristics pragmatism and independence. Whitehall has pointed a picture of a judge suffering from delusions of grandeur, of a cavailer disregard for tradi-tional procedures. That is completely to misunderstand the man. Sir Richard is no iconoclast. He simply questions established views, whether it is Whitehall's obsession with secrecy, or previous judgments handed down by the courts. "Prece-dence," he says, "shouldn't lead you by the nose." He dismisses criticisms of the way he conducted the inquiry — notably by Lord Howe and Douglas Hurd, two former foreign secretaries who have been speaking on behalf of civil servants as much as Tory ministers — as "misguided and wrong". He will deal with criticisms of the inquiry in his report. What Howe and others are

concerned about, of course, is Sir Richard's conclusions on two key issues: the conduct of ministers, officials, and government lawyers which could have led to three former direc-tors of the Matrix Churchill machine tool firm being wrongly imprisoned, and whether Parliament was mis-led over the Government's policy on arms sales to Iraq. Sir Richard will not anticipate his findings before his 1.800 page report is published

on Thursday afternoon. But it is no secret that he was horri-fied by the way the Matrix Churchill prosecution was handled. He is likely to recom-

-for his straight-talking. It is a quality he admires in others

Secret state can no longer be allowed to hide and slide

ORD Justice Scott is now being subjected to the very same process which produced the arms-to-Irag scandal in the first

place: a culture within government which requires inconvenient truths to be distorted or suppressed for the better avoidance of what Whitehall terms "presentational difficulties". His report will be judged by the remedy it prescribes for this disease in the body politic. It does not actually matter, in the long term, the other Section budget by the remedy with

who gets Scott's brickbats or bouquets: public office will always attract politicians prone to hypocrisy, just as the public service will have its share of lickspittles. What matters is to its share of inckspittles. What matters is to have in place a system of government within which those temptations are deterred: by expo-sure and by public condemnation. What the Scott report will detail is a systems failure in modern Westminster democracy. The "Howe Guidelines" of 1965, declaring an embargo on arms-related sales to Iran and Iraq,

were an exercise in moral superiority. They soon became unworkable, and were gradually abandoned, in the "tilt to Iraq" years leading up to Saddam's invasion of Kuwait. Why. Scott will ask, were these politically important changes not merely kept secret but actively misrepresented, so fervently that Parliament

and the courts were repeatedly misled? One positive feature of Whitehall is its inter nal recording traditions, and a paper-trail of memoranda evidences the intellectual contortions — and very occasional moral agonies — of those who did what one of them described as "the dirty washing". When, over the objections of four ministers, I was allowed to read some 500 pages of this material in order to defend Paul Henderson in the Matrix Churchill trial, I was struck by one irony. Every level of govern-ment had contrived to avoid debate over the changes in arms-sale policy towards Iraq ---

on the criticism that he had been "aggressive". Sir Rich-ard replied: "I just don't recog nise that as an apt epithet." His rise up the judicial ladder led to his appointment first to the Court of Appeal and in 1994, to the post of Vice-Chancellor, head of the high Court Chancery division. Last month, Lord Mackay appointed him to oversee radcial

those people wanted to go to work they should be allowed

to work without being subjected to a barrage of insults and so forth," he said. hanges in the civil justice system, designed to make it quicker and cheaper, pro-posed by Lord Woolf. There is a dissenting edge to

He is wary, too, of establish-ing a right of privacy in stat-ute. He says legislation would be too rigid; judge-made law should be allowed to develop responding to "changing requirements and opinions of the age"

Sir Richard, meanwhile, bas finished a task which will remain on Whitehall's conscience for many years. It was based on evidence which slowly emerged from 200,000 pages of official documents. It was "like peeling an onion", he said. The result is certain to lead to tears.

attaches greater importance to identifying principles than English law, based on cases He is wary of labels when aaked if he describes himself

shoud be allowed to do what they like unless there is a

neason why not," he says. In 1985, citing "unreason-able harassment", he granted a group of South Wales working miners an injunction stopping mass-picketing by NUM officials. "It seemed to me if

Sir Richard's family and life-style. His son and one of his daughters converted to Islam something he easily accepted.

He spends the week in his north London flat, returning to his Buckinghamshire home for the weekends. He is a member of the Grafton Hunt, north Oxfordshire — his office looks over the garden of Buckingham Palace where a fox recently killed the Queen's aes on page 15 flamingos, an incident which,

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Perils of a loaded chamber

OTHING in British politics so sharply defines the difference between Labour and the Conservatives as their attitudes to the House of Lords. However radical the Conservatives may see themselves in other respects, they remain the doggedest of defenders of the unreformed and unelected upper House of Parliament. There is no more dramatic disjunction these days than to hear the same ministers demanding the restructuring of British industry and then displaying spluttering outrage at even the most gradual reform of the antiquated British constitution.

Conversely, however cautious Labour may be about uprooting the legacy of Conservative economic and industrial policy, or about chucking out Conservative restructuring of the welfare state and education, when it comes to the constitution Labour is genuinely ready for action. Tony Blair's John Smith lecture on Wednesday set out an ambitious legislative programme, coherent and directed, which will occupy a Labour government for at least the life-

time of a parliament. What is more, there is no shirking the big targets -- with the conspicuous exception of the monarchy. New Labour and old Labour are here at one in now wanting at last to abolish the House of Lords as it has existed since its battles with the Liberals in the early years of the century.

Let us be clear what Mr Blair is now proposing. On Wednesday he committed himself once again to abolishing the political power of hereditary peers. "It is in principle wrong and absurd that people should wield power on the basis of birth not merit or election," he said, using an argument which applies with at least equal force to the monarchy. The balance of party loyalty among the 300plus hereditary peers is grossly biased in the Conservatives' favour, he charged. Mr Blair explained that some of the genuinely talented hereditary peers could expect to return to the reformed house as life peers, and that there was room for further discussion about a continuing appointed element in the event of the

upper house becoming an elected body. The central objection to Mr Blair's plans is that they do not go far enough. The loss of the hereditary peers will leave some 280 life peers who take the various party whips, plus another 100 or so cross-benchers who take no whip. Even among those who will remain there is a built-in Conservative majority on most occasions. A Blair government would therefore have to do something to redress the balance in the short term and will also need to establish means by which future appointments are made. Clearly, this confers enormous extra powers of patronage upon the office of prime minister. Unless and until the second house is elected in some as yet unspecified way, there will remain a permanent danger of party bias and nepotism.

Labour's shadow home secretary Jack Straw counters this objection by saying that the proposed "one-line bill" to abolish hereditary voting rights has to be seen as part of "a longer term project". Yes, it would be an appointed body, but "better a quango of the living than a quango of the dead". Labour would not go for a majority in the Lords, he insisted. To guard against government bias there would also be an independent advisory body.

Mr Straw's elaborations are useful but they do not dispose of the chief fear that Labour will find the temptation to reward its own chums irresistible, especially after the long years of a Conserva-tive government which so shamelessly attempted to create its own one-party nomenklatura state. The remark which should haunt Mr Blair comes from the ennobled Herbert Morrison: "There's a lot to be said for the House of Lords." Once the reformers get the ermine on it all looks different. The genuine anxiety is that somehow, somewhere, in the new order of things the impulse to further reform will become dulled, and that Labour will bequeath to a future government of another stripe a system which will then be abused in turn for a different purpose. Better a Labour majority than a Conservative majority, many will say. But better an elected second chamber than either of them. And soon.

Court in the soap

THE BALDING attorney spewed out the soundbite his aides had doubtless been working on all day: "Don't you have any shame. You tell the Globe one thing when you're suing them and you say another here when you are suing Random House?" Joan stroked her Gianni Versace cream silk blouse and subtly shifted the slit in her black silk Valentino skirt high enough to glimpse a firm elegant thigh. Joan could scarcely believe her ears at these Nazi-like questions as she tried unsuccessfully to meet him eyeball to eyeball. Had last night meant nothing to him at all? She had experienced indescribable sensations. At least it felt like love. He had played her like a Stradivarius.

Slowly, with infinite patience, he unbuttoned her blouse and brushed first his fingers, then his mouth against her eagerness. She thought she would die of pleasure. She had forgiven him everything, even the previous day's court performance, once he was on her bed. But that was then, and this was now. She felt like a cheap tart and remembered his final words to her before he had left at dawn: "I know I'm a shit, babe, but I love you"

She knew now that she had no alternative. There was only one thing she could do. She leaned towards her box of handkerchiefs, and took one out as she pushed the manufacturer's label so it

would be in full view of the inquisitive lenses of the familiar throng of paparazzi. As she prepared to shed a knickerwhite tear she rushed out of the court to her private room at the back noticing that several of the women in the courtroom were checking her for cracks. She closed the door behind her and walked over to the large gilt framed magnifying mirror she had installed for the duration. There are two kinds of people in this world, she decided: those who screw and those who get screwed. And last night, she thought gloomily, she was a front-runner in category number two. A million men had fantasised about her as they reached for their wives to take their conjugal rights. But was she fading now? She frowned as she thought of last night. then quickly stopped as she caught sight of the furrows in her magnifying mirror. Unconsciously her hand moved towards her uncupped. Suddenly her mobile rang. She knew

even before answering that it must be Jasper, her agent. Could this mean he had already sold the book of the court-room drama? "Dear heart," he crooned, "it's looking good for Courtroom Saga. Looking very good indeed for you. There's only one clause they won't shift on. You're not allowed to write a single word yourself. Now get your butt back in there and give it a godamned good ending." She picked up several fresh paper handkerchiefs, took a deep breath and headed serenely back towards the court. Maybe she would keep her date tonight with Nazi-eyes after all.

Edited liberally from Prime Time by Joan Collins (Arrow)

> □ MEANWHILE. Tony Blair's warning has provoked a deluge of nonsense about the splendour of the hereditary peerage, and how much

democracy owes to their self-less participation. The most ludicrous rubbish came from

that increasingly absurd figure, Tory chairman Brian Mawhinney. But Geoffrey Wheatcroft, the Daily Express's new top-drawer columnist, came a close

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Reforming the welfare system is one thing, but cutting it to cure economic ills, as the Government intends to do, is a chimera. MARTIN WOOLLACOTT argues that tackling the linked crises of welfare and unemployment requires fundamental change. Illustration by PETER TILL

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"Blue Ball" — at a distant botel Identifying pitfalls like that is what whips are sup-Rattling the bars posed to be for.

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Wheaters, as we call him at ET'S face it: Tony the Garrick Club, reeled off a Blair's announcement that a future Labour government will ban load of names to prove what brilliant minds spring from the accident of aristocratic birth. Oddly, he didn't mention Lord Byron, who favoured the House with a the entire cast list of Burlie's Peerage from any further part in the proceedings of the House of Lords could have nagnificent denunciation of been more felicitously timed. It wasn't simply that their the aristocracy's treatment of the poor just before he left England and aristocracy for lordships obliterated the Conservative government in a key yota on televised sport just 24 hours before Blair spoke. There was more to it than that. For the much maligned Upper House had adminis

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THE linked crises of welfare and unemoyment are worsen ing. They underlie the tensions in Europe over monetary union, and are

already beginning to dominate the American election Campaign. Everywhere in the developed world labour ministers are appealing for wage restraint, social services ministers are proposing welfare cuts. prime ministers are knuckling their heads. Even the United Nations is downaiz

ing, a symbol of the times. The British government's plans to cut the running costs of welfare are a perfect example of the way in which welfare and unemployment problems overlap. The very techniques of re-engineering which, applied in private industry, have swollen the dole queues, are to be applied to the welfare workers themselves. many of whom will no doubt soon join their former clients on the payement outside the Job Centre. In Germany, the government, faced this week with the highest unemploy-ment figures since the war. wants to cut pensions, health care, and unemployment pay. In the United States, state gov ernors have proposed a compromise on welfare that may help Republicans and the

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White House resolve their quarrel over the budget. It is a compromise, however, that would erode entitlements to

welfare payments, Cutting welfare has become almost automatic as the layoffs mount up. It is insidiously and continuously presented as the bitter pill we have to swallow if things are to get any better. Yet the evidence sug gests that, at best, this is only a temporary way out of our di-lemmas. Discussion is made obscure by the persistent refusal to recognise that the economic processes which produced the employment and

welfare crisis have human ents, whose decisions could have been, and could still now be, different ones. They are ad dled further by the persistent notion that money and jobs are saved by cutting welfare. This argument is a strange one. First, it ignores the fact that welfare is one face of the complex of policies that produces social peace, or a simulacrum of it. The certain result of less welfare spending is higher spending, by the state and by individuals, on other forms of security, financial and physical. The agencies which spend may not be the same, but the spending goes

you can suppress them. Governments in practice do all three, in varying proportions Switching between these strategies, or switching between public and private spending, doesn't greatly alter the financial problem, since all three strategies are costly and the form of spending is ultimately irrelevant.

Second, it suggests that transferring services from the public to the private realm represents a "saving". In fact, as the comparisons between British and US health spending have consistently shown. societies with largely private provision tend to spend more, because of duplication and profit taking. Third, it imagi-nes that cuts in welfare costs to employers will enable them to compete with overseas prolucers whose labour costs are a fraction of those in Europe or North America. In fact, such reductions may gravely affect workers here, but have only a tiny effect on competitiveness. The truth about reducing the welfare state, at least

through the kind of reforms that we see proposed in many Western societies, is that no money is necessarily saved. This bears repetition. What happens, when welfare is reformed, is that the costs of

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social belo and social control are financed and spent in a different way. In effect the sys tems for dealing with social trouble start to move away from being paid mainly by tax ation, administered mainly by the state, and aimed primarily at caring rather than guard-ing and suppressing. But the systems do not thereby cease o exist, or to cost money. Harassed governments are nterested in being able to offer a cure even if they know inwardly, that it is not likely to work. They are also inter-ested in displacing blame on to

the public itself. Thus, rather suddenly, ordinary people are being accused, for example, of "not having made proper pro-vision for their old age". Yesterday's dutiful taxpayer be-comes today's shiftiess ne erio-well. More broadly, the Western public stands accused of schizophrenia. It wants social ervices, even says in polls

that it will vote for higher taxes to pay for them. Yet when it comes to it, the vote oes in that other, low-tax. lot. But the low-tax tender cies of the electorate are, it can e argued. driven by the lowtax objectives of businessmen and the affluent in general, and provide a cover for such objectives. The Western eco-

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nomic history of the past 20 years needs to be looked at afresh to identify the rela tively small and relatively purposeful groups which have reated the difficult economy we now inhahit.

American writers like Michael Lind have argued, sentially, that a new class has seized control. In thousands of usually obscure coups d'etat in businesses across the West. a new kind of more ruthless manager has displaced some What more generous and socially conscious predeces sors. Such managers are assisted by able but morally net tral technocrats, skilled at bringing in the software and at organising the contracting out that leads to higher profits and smaller workforces. To these two groups can be added the politicians who respond to business pressures for lower company taxes, lower taxes on high incomes (and, in the American case, higher taxes

on the middling classes), and elfare cuts. Lind's "overclass" theory

while specific to his American se, has the virtue of recognising that these critical processes are about power and interest, taking us away from the notion that economic change is like climatic change, something with no assignable

human causes, and anmethin that can perhaps be mitigated but never opposed. Equally it avoids undue concentration on ideology, whether New Right or otherwise, as if economic shifts could be entirely put down to professors or poli ticians with a lightbulb over their heads flashing

deregulation" Reforming welfare is one thing, but cutting it as a cure for economic problems is a chimera. A simple idea from Norway, reported this week, is that of rating firms on their record of maintaining and creating full-time jobs and giv ing the best of them a logo to which customers could respond as they already do to eco-logical endorsements from green movements. It is a little nough thing, but it has far nore chance of helping than the ill-judged assault on welfare systems that the loss of jobs has provoked. What would help most would be to abandon the idea that a wel-fare rollback is essential to any strategy for tackling the jobs crisis. What is essential is to confront the forces in our societies which have deepened social inequalities, stripped out millions of jobs, and now propose to act as if the resulting mess was every-body's problem but their own.

tered an earlier humiliation on the Government the day efore. It didn't make the napers because it concerned the rights of magistrates rather than the future of sport but it probably annoyed Home Secretary Michael Howard ust as much as the later vote mbarrassed La Bottomley. But the real embarrassment was experienced by Lord Strathclyde, the government chief whip in the Lords and himself one of the hereditary peers who will get the beave no if Labour wins the next election. He could hardly have needed off the massive humiliation on the broadcasting bill, but a bit of cloak and dagger work might have averted the earlier defeat. What happened was that Labour peers were holding their annual winter jolly in a downstairs room when the vote was called: indeed. Tony

Blair had just finished prais-ing their dedication when the division was called. Their pinko lordships flocked out to vote, and returned to read the result on the television monitors. They'd won, and it was drinks all round. Poor Lord Strathclyde had

failed to spot the existence of the opposition beano, which ensured the presence of far more Labour peers than is usual on a Monday. Worse, flocks of Tories were at their own beano — the so-called

But the simple truth is that the real work of the so-called Upper House is done by life ers, most of them ex-MPs. The blue-bloods generally fulfil the role of the Seventh Cavalry, to be summoned by Lord Strathclyde whenever the Indians look like winning Their greatest triumph in this guise was when they voted to keep the poll tax — in deflance

trumpeted role as a revising chamber, almost all the changes which it votes into government legislation are really amendments tabled by the Government itself. Far from confirming Wheatcroft's belief in the superiority of peers over commoners as a reflection of public opinion their purpose is simply to correct the increasingly sloppy drafting of government

celebration of the birth of my national poet last month. It was given by two Jewish friends who described the event as a Rabbi Burns supper. I wish I'd been able to recite a spoof of A Man's a Man for A' That, sent to me by (though not written by) Janey Buchan this week. Here's a sample: "Oor eader can mak belted peers/ And ministers an a' that/ He now appoints the party whip/

And writes the rules and a' that./ For a' that and a' that./ Wi spins on words and a' that / A black crow can become a white/ If the leader's office says that."

modish metropolis, this comparison makes pretty good sense to those like Smallweed who spend a lot of their time in the country. Why, only last Sunday morning. I sat on a gate in Wiltshire watching a bevy of Norman churches pursuing a terrified fox through a field. St James's (our local hunt's MFH this winter) was in the lead, with St Aloysins's (at least a stone over weight since some Victorian architect tried to improve it) puffing behind, and All Saints vaulting over the gates with its usual practised nonchalance. Very soon, they'd cornered the fox in a covert, and in moved a pack of eager young hedgerows to tear it efficiently limb from limb. Thank God for the old

country practices. I said to myself in my regular Evensong pew when St James's resumed its normal functions that evening.

to the countryside by writ-ing it a letter of supportive concern, the Times suggests that modish metropolitan enthusiasm for banning fox hunting should now be abandoned. "A recreation enjoyed by country folk of every class, as much part of the personality of rural England as its hedgerows and Norman churches, it is a liberty worth defending", the paper maunders. Though perhaps a little ungainly in the eyes of the 乳

one slaver of sleaze, and the in charges got rather spirited way he is dealing with government bids to muzzle and malign him, should give Sir Richard Scott (as in Scott Inquiry) an unbeatable claim to pre ferment. Also, he cycles so there's a decent chance that those who believe in a bicycling monarchy might swiftly be converted to a bicycling presidency. A pedant writes: Character istically, you appear to have overlooked one essential detail. Sir Richard halls from South Africa. Smallweed wearily riposte In this day and age, so what? Most of the world's best presidents were born in

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South Africa. HE NEWS yesterday that prescription charges were going up

And the 1994 rise by reports of John Major's visit to Moscow: And the 1993 rise by a Ken Clarke plan for a crackdown on crime. And the 1992 rise because it contrived to emerge on the very same day as the news of record figures for unemployment, repossessions, and osses at Fords. Which was much the same as occcurred in 1991, when the rise in charges coincided with a major Major declaration on Europe — just as the 1990 rise had done with England's first win in 16 years against the West Indies You simply couldn't prescribe for such a run of coin-

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bury bypass" tomorrow. Be-lieving this newspaper's readers are at least as good land framework document as the Telegraph's, Smallweed is staying away. For the Telegraph ad began, as The Guardian's did not: The Marchioness of Worcester, Lady Barber and the Hon Mrs Henry Tennant are pleased to Invite Readers of the Daily Telegraph to walk the route . . . etc etc." D YOU ENOW that TV personality and former Sunday Times

editor Andrew Neil was once a Hollywood star? Nor did I. But he told us so in his Mail column this week. 'Last week'', he wrote "I in terviewed the splendid Simon Callow ... As one of the stars of that rare breed -a British movie that is a world-wide box office success — I asked him what

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popular hits." Had anyone else used those words I might have suspected a grammatical error, but Neil s such a celebrated stickler for standards that we have to believe that he meant what he said. NABLE to wait until

Gazette and Herald has published a special number saluting the Queen's 70th hirthday. A lucrative band of advertisers has been mus tered under the hanner "70 lorious Years". In the light of the recent behaviour of her daughters-in law. I'm sure that Her Majesty will be particularly touched by a small ad from B Patel and Co. Solicitors, of **Upper Stratton**, Swindo drawing attention to their specialist services. These are litigation; matrimonial debt recovery; and commercial.

Procrustes

HOSE WHO. Like HM tors, think stan dards in schools are woeful can take heart from the going rate for invective at Aston Villa FC, where a fan incensed by a ruling which went against Villa was recently heard to shout: "The referee's a Cy-clops!" We could do with nore of such eradition. Next time two massive centre backs mow down your fragile winger, do not shout: "Send the beggar off!" Say instead: "Who the

hell do you two think you are? Scylla and Charybdis?" When some thuges fall back chops your goalbound striker off at the knees, do not storm on the pitch and threaten him. Just shout: "Keep an eye on him, ref, he's a right little While I'm on this theme, I

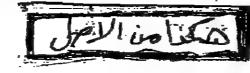
note that Wigan FC last week fielded a substitute called Jamie Barnwell-

Wigan fans singing "there's only one Jamie Barnwell-Edinboro". Unlike, for instance. "there's only one Ian Wright", this claim might even be true. PRAISING ALL three party leaders for showing their commitment

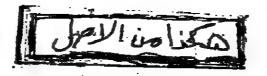
Edinboro. This I think is the j longest name in the British game, beating even Alexei Mikhailichenko (Rangers). I look forward to reports of

of the life peers. As for the Lords' much-

AS a loyal Scot, I attended a



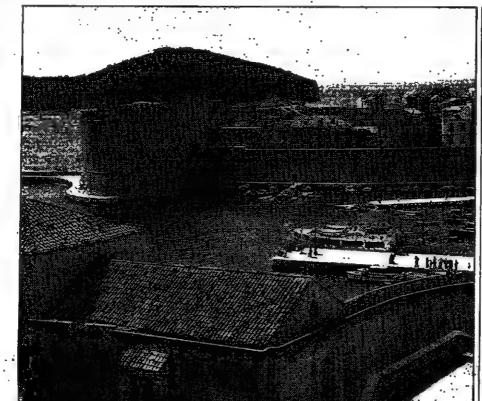
April 21, like the rest of us, the Wiltshire



Damage limitation . . . Dubrovnik, jewel of the Adrietic, through the battle-scarred window frames of a lido, and below, pre-war: much of its medieval splendour survived Serbian assaults

Prince Charles visited Dubrovnik this week to witness the restored glory of a beautiful city after an ugly war, but, writes MAGGIE O'KANE. its suffering was slight compared to that of less privileged cities

Beauty is in the eye of the defender



city smells of the sea, and of wood polish: the Franciscan

and Dominican convents and

five centuries of bees' wax.

to the ugly new towns, with their flat-roofed botels and perspex windows: these, lt seemed, could be flattened with impunity. When Dubrownik was attacked, newspaper editors in London were screaming at harassed correspondents to find out if St Blaise's Cathedral had been damaged. One newspaper insisted on detailed graphics for an elaborate map showing where the shells had hit. The initial levelling of ugly modern hotels stuffed with refugees went on to the inside pages. There was damage. Nine no-blemen's houses dating from the 16 and 17th century were burned to the ground; the Franciscan monastery built in the 1340s, with one of the three oldest functioning phar macies in Europe, and St Blaise's, built in 1706-15. were hit. The finely carved arches of the 15th century rector's palace were damaged, and, outside the city, many of the renaissance summer villas were razed. But inside, most of the 10-feet-thick walls sur vived, the damage usually limited to the roofs, where shrapnel smashed through

MAIN PHOTO: F HORVA' Nicola Obuljen, Dubrovnik's mayor, estimates that it will cost \$50 million to restore the town to its full glory, and the burghers of Dubrovnik intend to do the job right. Unesco has spent \$500,000 sending two shiploads of terracotta tiles from France to replace the shattered roofs. Unesco has also produced in Paris, a glossy catalogue de tailing the damage to every building in Dubrovnik, down to the windowsills. Prince Charles has donated money to the restoration of a renaissance garden outside the town. A signed copy of his watercolours fetched £150 at an auction for Dubrovnik run by Lady Jadranka Beresford-Peirse in London, which raised £26,000 for restoration work. Her charity for the Restoration of Croatian Mon ments continues to raise funds for the city. Dubrovnik, charmed and

ty to Parliament. The Scott report will beautiful, will be one of the first cities to recover from the war. In May, the first interna-tional direct filents will resume with two filents a week from London. It has when its servants become obtaken time for the tourists to sessed with public relations come back. In 1993, the first What Scott will refute for eve summer after the end of the is Sir Humphrey Appleby's siege, it was reported that one German couple, a Canadian historian and a French yacht you can be open, or you can were the only foreign tourists prave enough to venture into will prove, on the contrary, the city: four visitors to a city that had 100,000 a year before of information can lead to a Prince Charles's visit is another flutter of royal favour not only better understood. for Dubrovnik. As G B Shaw but are better decisions. noted: "Those who seek para lise on earth should come to Geoffrey Robertson QC defended Paul Henderson at the Matrix Churchill trial. He is the author of Freedom, The Dubrovnik and see Dubrovnik"—a city that survived a brutal war because it had beauty, and the eye of kings. Individual And The Law

dirty secrets continued from page 13 despite the fact, in these late Thatcher years, that the supporters of arms sales would have won that debate handsdown. Yet only one minister - the morally insouciant Alan Clark - had voiced the apparently unthinkable proposal that the changes might be announced and in

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Parliament. The reason for this perver sion of what we like to describe as the democratic process could be located in the Matrix Churchill documents in one nhrase which was repeated as an excuse to avoid doing or saying the right thing, "pre-sentational difficulties". This all-purpose euphemism for the possibility of political embarrassment had become the lode-star of minister and public servant alike, blinding them to their obligations of honesty to Parliament and of ensuring fair trials.

My abiding impression from the Matrix Churchill documents was that these de-plorable decisions would never have been taken had those responsible for them been aware that they might be made public. And that, I still think, is the only real remedy against a repetition of the arms-to-Iraq affair. The only way, within Whitehall, to refute an argument from "presentational dif-ficulties" is to point out that there will be even more pre-sentational difficulties if the improper or unprincipled course is followed. In other words, there has to be a real possibility of exposing the decision while those involved may still be in position of power. That means, at very least, a Freedom of Information Act ensuring that ministerial-level meetings, docu-ments are released within flve years (under the present law, at least 30 years must elapse). With protection, too, for "whistleblowers" like the hap-less Mark Higson, who had moral scruples about composing misleading letters to MPs. but was frightened by official secrecy laws. Both Thatcher and Major

have opposed these reforms by claiming they would undermine ministerial accountabildemonstrate, beyond reason-able doubt, that ministerial accountability to Dariament is a myth, and that Westmin-ster democracy does not work claim that "open government is a contradiction in terms have government". The report that open government is good government, and that freedom culture in which decisions are



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turned down four years ago. The frenzied mayor of the city, Pero Poljenic, was faxing invitations on his satellite fax machine by candlelight a desperate man in a long navy wool coat calling on the world to visit, while outside the shells were hitting the white marbled streets of his medi-

eval city. Prince Charles replied: "J need hardly say that if there was any conceivable way in which I could respond positively to your invitation, I would have done. But I fear this would probably cause intolerable problems for those

responsible for my safety." Dubrovník was delighted he had responded at all. Few bothered. For days the local radio broadcast his pained refusal. Take heart Dubrovnik, Charles is with you. Dubrovnik has always had

minister for humanitarian af-

rang bells. Built by artists with merchants' money, there is a anobby exclusiveness about Dubrovník, a sense that the friends in high places. Laid out gently at the city's feet is the Adriatic --- once described inhabitants are all tucked in by Jacques Cousteau as one of the cleanest seas in the world — and forests that stretch up behind the walls of their smar city together. The immense wealth of 750 years of trading helped pay for the Remais-sance architecture, and for a comfortable model of early deinto the hills. In the 1780s the Austro-Hungarian royals went there to sun their rega pelts in Europe's first nudist coves. Edward and Mrs Simp mocracy which made Dubrowson stopped there secretly for a few days. During the first nik one of the first states to abolish slavery and capital' month of the slege of the town, in October 1991, the French

fairs, Bernard Kouchner, and

Italy's emigration minister, Margherita Boniver, crashed

into town by speedboat, shelled half-heartedly by Ser-

bian gun boats. Dubrovnik

hadn't realised there was a war going on in the former Yugoslavia. For many in Britpunishment. The narrow streets twist ain, the war began with TV pictures broadcasting thick under high artisan houses beringlets of black smoke curl-

tween coffee shops and catheing out of the city against the drais. In the summer, smart backdrop of an orange Adri-atic sunset: images that trigladies clip-clop up and down gered memories of family holi-days on the Adriatic coast. the marble walks beside the fountains and King Orlando mounted on his horse. The People began to wonder:

"They're just like us. What's soing on? On Thursday Prince Charles flew in to inspect the reconstruction, but Dubrovmonacteries scent the sir with worked into the floors in God's nik doesn't really need to be reconstructed. It was pro-tected by its history, while the new towns of Tito's Yugosla-

Until that October 1991 attack and the "wanton de-struction" of the "Florence of via were not. Sarajevo's history, art, ar-Croatia and the South Sla chitecture and books burned vonic Athens", most people under the blunt nose of army shells. But Dubrovnik's status as a Unesco world heritage

site brought it massive international attention, and a cloak of security not available "How," mused the Times correspondent, ordered to produce a guide to the damage, "do you mark chipped windowsills?

scribed the destruction as "wanton vandalism".

Colin Kaiser, a heritage specialist sent by the Council of Europe to assess the condition of the region, said that the war. although there was some dam-age to the Sponza Palace, the city's clock tower and the Dominican and Franciscan monasteries, "It was nothing compared to the devastation in the villages around, where he de-

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Paddy's star rises in uncertain times



Martin Kettle

NSTEAD of putting that spare pound on the lottery this morning, why not give yourself a sporting chance and put the money on the Tories to win the general election? In the light of this week's opinion polls, and with the Conservatives at a tempting 11-1 with Ladbrokes, it's not as much of a mug's flutter as it

may look. The reason for this is now obvious. Labour's march to victory has been knocked off course by the Harriet Harman affair. It didn't need an opinion poll to tell us that, although the polls this week confirm it. They also show that it would have been even worse if she had resigned which will be consolation for some. The question now is to know how much Labour has suffered in the long run.

ICM in The Guardian and Gallup in the Daily Telegraph had different degrees of post-Harman blues for Labour this week. Nevertheless, both show the lead over the Conser vatives sharply down, ICM by six points and Gallup by no less than 13. In the past these

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have been Tory gains in the latest local government byelection results. There are swings to the Tories have sometimes proved to be just blips, as was the case last more questions than answers September, and this may hap-pen again. Even so, it may at the moment. A number of them will be supplied by the forthcoming Staffordshire South East byelection, which take more than the Scott report to turn this one round for Labour. There are further worrying now takes on an even greater significance than it had

signs for Labour in these latest polls. Labour's lead over the The net effect of these Tories on law and order is now down to only one point, ac-cording to ICM, clear evidence that Michael Heseltine's mud sticks and that the battle here

position.

events ought not to be avoided. It is becoming less, rather than more likely, that Labour will win a large majority at the general election. Perhaps will get even dirtier as the they may not win a majority election nears. More impor-tant still could be the latest at all. As the possibility of such outcomes hardens, so the upturn in Gallup's so-called "feel-good" index, which in importance of the Liberal Democrats in Tony Blair's past elections has provided a scheme of things increases. This has been an important better indication of underlying Conservative strength week for the Labour-Lib Dem than the party ratings. It begins to look like a general weakening of the Labour relationship, partly--- though here we must tread carefully -down to Paddy Ashdown's

Nevertheless, a weakening difficulties in Yeovil. This is a tangled tale, but it is not politi-cally neutral. From a distance is not a collapse. In spite of these figures, Labour remains I sense two things about it: first, that it is doing no good to Ashdown and that it may thus solidly ahead with a lead which, even in a bad month, is still better than anything it achieved in the 1987-92 parlia-ment. And Labour's loss is not harm the Liberal Democrats generally; and, second, that Conservative Central Uffice is necessarily the Tories' gain. not squeamish about exploit-The Conservative reputation ing it, especially in the electorfor economic competence ally vital South-west. Politics remains as low as ever. The are getting dirty in that part of the country, and the election Government's approval ratings have fallen, not risen. since the new year. And John Major's personal ratings have may even hang on the outcome

gone down too this month. The more important and The signs of Labour vulner-ability are all around, not just the week was the latest stage of the Labour-Lib Dem courtin the polls. In the Commons, ship, embodied in Blair's John Smith lecture on abour still seemed uneasy and subdued this week. There

Wednesday evening. It was many other things besides an address to the Liberal Democrats, not least an attempt to reclaim the high-minded ground for Labour after Har nan. But constitutional and electoral reform have always been the Liberal Democrats' price for co-operation in government with Labour, so this tigh-profile speech by the Labour leader on these very

themes sets the parameters fo any post-election relationship. Judging merely by the churlish response from some Lib Dem quarters, you might get the impression that Blair has advocated a constitution which could have been drafted by Saddam Hussein and proposed a system of public morality which would not inconvenience Ferdinand Marcon. But he has not, and relations etween Ashdown and Blair are in good order.

HE two parties are now circling one another. Nothing much more will come of it before the election. But the momen tum and direction are obvi-ous. After the election things will move faster. Other things being equal, I believe Blair

wishes to govern with active Liberal Democrat support, whether the numbers require it or not. But for that to happen there must be progress on electoral reform. Blair gave nothing away to

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mons, and that he was personally opposed to proportional representation. It is difficult to see how these views can be reconciled with Liberal Democrat aspirations, especially as Blair accepts that, as Prime Minister, he will have to declare which way he will himself vote in the referendum, presumably against. But this may not be quite

the impasse that some sup-pose. Blair is careful to oppos proportional representation rather than electoral reform, and it appears that he may not have the same objections to the alternative vote system ad-vocated in the Plant report three years ago, as to the PR When it comes to the crunch

in government, Labour may have to decide whether it wishes to initiate two referen dums — on the single Euro-pean currency and electoral reform — in its first term. There will be strong pressures to avoid that. Assuming that a single currency referendum is unavoidable, and bearing in mind the tremendous advan-

tage which a victorious Yes vote on that issue would confer on Labour against a Europhobe Conservative Party, I can see the electoral referendum falling off the agenda. In those circumstances what bet ter way for Blair to calm electoral reformers' nerves than

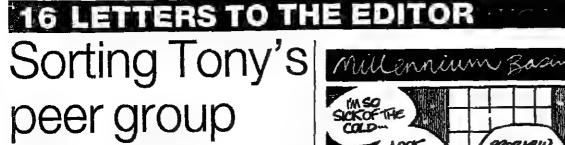
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shoown on that this week. He repeated that Labour will he did that, could Ashdown hold a referendum on elecmake it a resignation issue? I tions to the House of Comdon't see it myself.

to offer them instead, without a referendum, the alternative vote system which he has himself never repudiated? And if

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ory loss and mild senile de-mentia, confusing time and

school. In addition, he was

an amusing habit of quoting "verbatim" from the Times

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Suffice it to say that Tony Blair has got the right idea. Patricia Barden.

would welcome suggestions

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British passport and live in Northern Ireland but believe

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T IS notable that neither Tony Blair. your leader or Hugo Young (February 8) mention anything about the embarrassing presence of the bench of bishops in the House of Lords. This group are a nominated minority of a minority of the people of this country, yet they are entitled by law to a voice and votes in the upper house If Tony Blair is really intent on cleaning up our parliamentary system he will have to throw these relics of a bygone age out with all the other backwoodsmen. We could then start talking about a modern democracy. Terry Mullins. Secretary. National Secular Society Braillaugh House. 17 Theobalds Road London WCIN 8SP

OME hereditary peers Sargue that although they are not against losing their right to sit in the House of Lords, they would vote against a Labour governent's bill to implement this because they do not approve of the system that might replace them, By what convoluted logic would they vote to oppose the wishes of an elected government when they believe that they should not be in a position to do so in the first D H Kedge

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EREDITARY peers are. according to Tony Blair, the "least defen-sible part of the British constitution". Not so; if a hereditary peerage cannot be defended. then a hereditary head of state is even less defensible. David Morrison. 98 Lansdowne Road. Belfast BT15-LAB.

FEW years ago, an elderly peer collapsed in a diabetic coma on the benches of the House of Lords. The noble lords assumed he had simply fallen asleep, and

More questions on Scott

OUR leader (Trying to go Scott-free, February 8) fairly summarised the background to the arms-to-Iraq de-hate with the exception of one important aspect which helps to explain the increasing frenzy in Westminster. Parliament has effectively been muzcled over the whole sorry affair for the past two years. On April 4, 1994 you pub lished a long letter from me explaining how a commitment made to Parliament on the setting-up of the Scott inquiry ---to allow MPs to continue questioning ministers on the Iraq issue — was reneged upon by ministers within days. Attempts by MPs such as myself. with a long-standing interest in the arms trade, to probe munisters were routinely fobbed off with the standard reply: "That is a matter for Lord Justice Scott." The Par-

liamentary Table Office began to reject questions en bloc, on the grounds that ministers clearly could not answer them whilst Scott was sitting. This situation was subsequently en-dorsed by the Speaker after complaints by myself, Peter Hain, Tony Benn and others. Since then, despite various revelations of great public and political importance, Parliament remained impotent. Last Wednesday, I submit-ted 20 new Iraq questions to ministers, some for reply the day after the Scott report is published, when ministers once again become fully res ponsible for policy on this mat-ter. I intend to table many more next week. Accountabil-Ity must be returned to Parliament Llew Smith MP. House of Commons London SW1A 0AA. World news,



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The Guardian Saturday February 10 1998

DROFESSOR Norman Stone (Dirty deeds in the east. February 7) attempts as a his-torian to present the very com-plex legal position of restitution of former property in Germany. Unfortunately, his attempt is unsuccessful The assertion that "the gov-ernment has departed from law, told detectable lies" has no foundation. No serious observer of German affairs has maintained, let alone proved, this. The German government and judiciary are bound by the law, just as they are in the United Kingdom. Nor is there any evidence for the assertion that descandants of "great military families" with noble names could influence the autcome of a restitution Professor Stone's article is a series of rhetorical accusations suggestively linked with random, unsubstantiated data. No case for the court. E Peter Gottwald. Head of Press, Embassy of the Federal Repub-lic of Germany, **23 Belgrave Square** London SW1X BPZ. HE scenario painted in Norman Stone's article fits ex-actly into our family's experience in eastern Germany. After the war, we found ourselves under Russian control. when our district was given to them by way of compensation.

Our farm was appropriated. and we were forced to flee, or with properties under 250

some people, especially those acres, have got their property back. My brother, a farmer without a farm, and on limited means, has tried every avenue possible to recover our property. Compensation of a pos ible 0.8 per cent may be paid out in 10 years' time, but most of the first-generation owners

not advise joining "our sister party, the SDLP." Could I apply for an ex-pat vote? Lois M Banyon. 11 Knightsbridge Park, Stranmillis, Belfart BTS SEH.

URTHER to your report, (Irish 'Dayton' rejected, February 8) Unionists should taxation regime in Britain that is weak (Britain's £3bn seriously consider attending the two-day talks, proposed by the Irish Taoiseach, John Bru-ton, before the end of February. In return they could reasonably require that Nationalists agree to participate in the votes process men-tioned in the Mitchell report and recommended by the Prime Minister, John Major. Harry Barnes MP (Lab). Peter Bottomiey MP (Con). Joint Presidents. New Dialogue, House of Common

London SWIA 0AA. HE best misplaced hyphen I can remember (Letters, areas of the North Sea. February 8) comes from an Desnite that evidence, and the over-production in the obituary in the gremlin-domi North Sea, the Government nated days of the Guardian itself. A distinguished scholar had, we were told, made a study of "low-life expectancy in Ancient Rome." O tempora O mores! David E Johnston. Wistarla. King's Worthy, Winchester SO237QN. VOU report (Media mogula in shake-up, February 9) that the ITC has given the green light to the merger beween MAI and United Newspapers even though such a warehousing arrangement is outlawed under the existing Broadcasting Act. Self-evidently, finis cannot be the case. If the merger is illegal under current legisla-tion, the ITC would take action to prevent it. The commission believes that such avoidance devices are against the spirit, if not the letter, of the 1990 Act and will be seeking additional powers in the forthcoming Broadcasting Act to prevent them in future. Sarsh Thane. Director of Public Affairs, Independent Television Commission, 33 Foley Street, London WIP 7LB.

The large companies were notorious for long delays in pay-ing their bills. One crafismen refused to be

oil "drain", February 7); envipert out of business and per-sisted with written and taleronmental regulation of the offshore oil and gas industry is also weaker than in many other developed countries. Dis-charges of oil from platforms in the UK sector of the North Sea are greater than all other countries combined, and the UK still amotions the discharge of chemicals used in the their client, Their multidrilling process that are barned or being phased out in other countries. There is in-creasing evidence from inde-Deputy Prime Minister. (Prof.) Robert Moore. pendent scientific studies that oil and gas exploration and production has had detrimental ef-Bernschie, Carmei Road Holywell, Clwyd CH8 7DD, facts on ecosystems over large

bone demands for payment. benurd. He could not afford a lawyer to assist him. Eventually he was visited by two large and rather ugly men who suggested that if he wanted to avoid trouble he should not make trouble for national client was, and is, a household name in the UK, and its behaviour would plainly have had the full backing of the

billion (at current prices) that the industry has invested in the North Sea. To suggest then that the old tax regime could have netted the government an extra £3 billion a year is patently

Prior to 1963, tax rates appli-cable to North Sea production ranged up to 90 per cent. Despite the all-time high oil prices prevailing then, the combina-tion of this onerous tax regime and ever-decreasing field sizes was resulting in a histors in North Sea oil development activity. The Finance Acts of 1983 and 1983 reflected the economic realities of the North Sen. After 1986, new field discovery sizes typically were less than onetenth of the first generation North Sea fields, and real oil

face deportation to Siberia. Local villagers facilitated our escape. My mother, with six young children, made two trips to smuggle us out, three at a time. We arrived in the West as penniless refugees. Since the Wall came down,

will have passed on by then. My grandparents' house was ol dui e d

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VOUR reader complaining Y about being without heat for a week (Letters, February 8) should count themselves lucky. I too have a three-star contract with British Gas for my flat in London where my son, stepdaughter and her boy friend live. They have had no beating or hot water since November 19.

An engineer will come, di-agnose a fault and go away and order a part. A different engineer comes back to fit it. The boiler works for 24 hours and then packs up again. Call out another engineer, who knows nothing of the previ-ous call-out, and the pattern repeats itself with an average of 10 days between BG's visits. And every time they come

someone has to take time off work to be there for a half day. make that 82 days. Is this a record? Annie Gurton.

12 Penrose Tarrace, Penzance. Cornwall TRI82HQ.

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WONDER now Michael Heseltine would advise the US to respond to the United Nations' request for payment of dues to the organisation. Pay now or wait until ...

Stephen Heap. 235 Shaftesbury Ave London WC2H 8EL

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had increased the frequency of licensing for oil and gas emploration and production over the past few years. This has involved the licensing of many environmentally sensitive inshore areas of sea, such as the Pembrokeshire coastline and Cardigan Bay in Wales, Lyme Bay in Dorset and the Wash. This licensing has been carried out without any assess ment of the posssible environ-mental impacts in breach of EU lirectives. The Government have now been forced by the EU to implement environmental assess-ments, but are stalling that im-plementation until after the current rush of licensing is over --- it could therefore be argued that licences currently being issued are unlawful. The Department of Tra and Industry have told us their policy is one of "maximum economic exploitation of resources" - this does not square with Mr Major's com mitments made at the Earth Summit In Rio. Mick Green. Friends of Cardigan Bay, Bronhaul, Pentrebach, Talybont, Dyfed SY24 5EE.

N THE early days of the oil industry in Aberdeen large companies regularly employed local bustnesses to do small jobs. The businesses were usually self-employed craftsmen, plumbers, welders, joiners etc.

Shop soiled We're all superdrivers now

NICHOLAS Bennister's article (BT chief dashes Blairite hopes, February 9) is based on a complete misunder standing of Labour's policy on the information superhighway. We have never suggested that BT alone would build "a single national information superhighway". Our policy statement sets out the position, that "We would require from BT and others that they establish a clear programme of provision of broadband communication links that will ensure, over time, that the whole country - as far as is practicable - is reached". Those "others" would in-clude cable companies, already building a significant part of the superhighway, as well as other telephone providers who would build precisely the pattern of "lots of highways knit-ted together" that Sir Peter Bontield set out. Geoff Hoon MP. Shadow Technology Minister. House of Commons. London SWLAGAA.

TER Lilley should refus orices only one-third the leve P to bow to Treasury pressure to slash at least 25 per cent off the £3.25 billion social security budget. According to Rutledge and Wright, of Sheffield University, having reduced taxes on North Sea oil production since 1983, the Government is now losing more than £3 billion a year in potential oil revenues If Kenneth Clarke returned to the pre-1963 oil tar-ation system, he could pipe the ed revenues directly into the social security budget and pay for all of it. Judith Scott.

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OUR articles about North Sea tugation contain inaccuracies; as a result, the conclusion that government revetuise from the North Sea could readily be increased by £3 billion per annum is wrong You say "Government takes just 38 per cent of cashflow of firms working in the North Sea". This is not correct. Tax rates on oil and gas production currently range from 33 per cent up to 71 per cent, averag-ing 50 per cent. There is no tarpayer subsidy in the North Sea tax regime either for explo-ration or smaller field aves looments

During quite a few years of the past decade, the annual cashflow of the whole offsbore industry (after costs, capital expenditure and taxes) was subtantially less than £3 billion. This is in the context of the £140

AM devastated by Sir Peter Boufield's discovery of the

flaw in Labour's plans for a national information super-

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OUR articles contain several misleading statement about the North See fiscal ays-

1. It is invalid to relate the pre-1983 tax system to produc-tion levels in 1993. If the pre-1983 tax system had remained laxable income would have been less by 1993 because of the widely admitted inhibitions to exploration and development under the old system.

2. Aggregate gross trading profits in any one year consti-tute a poor measure of taxable capacity principally because capital investment is excluded When it is included the imphile base in the early 1990s is enor-mously reduced. An informed discussion of the appropriate level of North Sea tax should commence with an evaluation of the expected economic rents over the lives of fields.

3. Any tax subsidy to explore tion no longer exists. It was eliminated by the 1993 tax changes (which increased tax revenues). Professor AG Kemp. University of Aberdeen, Department of Economics Edward Wright Building, Old Aberdeen AB9 2TY.

FEENNETH Clarice atons "to leave our children a welfare system which works" (Febru-ary 7) why did he announce measures to cut housing bene-fit for single people under 25? In Gloucestershire alone, it is pro-jected this will lead directly to about 1,000 people being made homeless in the first year. Mr Clarke seems intent on creat ing a system which will leave our children on the streets. Matthew Waters. 24A Frampton Road, Gloncester GL1 5QB.

KEN Clarke says "big gov-ernment is out — limited government is in." A perfect summary of the Government's corner-shop mentality, stock-ing an out-of-date penal policy. unrecognised valuables sold off ects will be to census the at throwaway prices, a smallminded shop from which gays and asylum seekers are banned, where the few remain ing regulars hang about criti-cising anyone different. anxiety because very high Anthony Douglas. dolphins and porpoises in 9 Elfort Road, London N5 LAZ.

The battle for Bosnia

OUR leader (There is no quick fix in Bosnia, February 6), underlines the importance of the civilian objectives of Dayton. I have just returned from a 10-day visit to Bosnia and the problems now facing the minorities and the most vulnerable there are not going to be fixed by Dayton or Ifor. For thousands, each day is a fight to survive; wood for fuel and clean water are simply not available. Mothers, the very young and the very old are struggling in a country where the most basic social services don't exist. Clinics, hospitals, kindergartens and schools are

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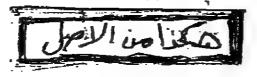
ing the family's name still exists on the walls of the farm outbuildings. My brother has recently managed to rent two rooms in our own house from the government, who are holding the land, and are proposing to sell it all off. I have visited my home: it is not in a good state of repair, but it still has the same wallpaper on the walls that I remember as a child. We feel that we have been lied to, cheated, and badly let down by the German government. Mechtild Prangnell, 223 Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent TN24 9QH.

past. The biggest problem is the lack of personal security and the doubt in the minds of so many. Is this only a winter Juli, will the Croats and Mus lims be able to build a real peace, how can municipalities reconstruct themselves without a foundation of trust? The search of atrocity sites and for war criminals is

frankly less important than clearing mines and building clinics and reviving David H W Grubb. Executive Director, Feed the Children, 82 Caversham Road, Reading, Berks RG1 8AE. in many places, things of the

Cardigan Bay. How the poimust be many people who used to love the old harbour sons have got into the animals is a special mystery because at Aberysiwyth and are ui-tarly depressed by the un-beautiful new marina and the urbanisation now being dethis is an area of sea that is not reckoned to be highly con taminated. In the days of my youth, when we were birdveloped on its margins. But we have to admit that watching from the cliffs, we took it for granted that por-poises or dolphins would recently there was a bright spot even there. That was often be out there among the gulls, the gannets and the sheerwaters, rising out of the then the wildlife rescue ship, Ocean Defender, came sailing in. This vessel, owned by the water with a beautiful rolling movement. But today these greeted by our local maritime splendid creatures have to be conservationists, the Friends sought for quite diligently of Cardigan Bay, who intend and you need the luck of Old to use it in the spring to carry out survey work in the bay. One of several research pro-Harry to see many dolphins together. The bay is now under threat from oil exploitation and all that that imbay's population of bottle-nosed dolphins and to look for plies; but we have to face the possibility that, even before signs of disease in them that the oil drills begin serious could be the result of polluwork, the water may already tion. About that possibility there has been considerable be badly polluted and we can only wish good luck to the Ocean Defender. She may levels of deadly toxins have well help to save Cardigan been found in the bodies of Bay from disaster WILLIAM CONDRY N.

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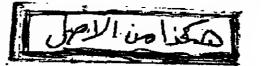
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it's a familiar tale of a father fighting for access to his children, except that in this case the husband was born a woman and the wife claims she was duped. CLARE DYER reports

EHIND closed doors at the Royal Courts of Justice in London, one of the most bizarre courts' 116-year history is un-folding. A battle is being fought out between the heiress to a share of a huge family fortune and her husband of 17 years, who was born a woman. Their identities are protected by a court injunction. At the heart of the case is

whether the husband, a transsexual, perpetrated a deception on the unsuspecting wife, or whether the couple colluded in an unspoken bargain which suited them both. He insists she knew all along, and common sense seems to be on his side, though psychiatrists say it is possible for an individual to block out unwelcome reality at a conscious level. Clothed, Peter appears a small but convincing male, with a voice deepened by tes-tosterone injections more than 20 years ago. Undressed he has no breasts, but white scars where they were removed by a double mastectomy. He has had no surgery to alter his genitals — the male to male operation is dangerous and not fully effective. But his whe, Sarah, maintains

that the discovery that he was born female has traumatised her so violently that she can-not contemplate letting her former husband have any contact with their two young children, born by donor insemination.

The couple are locked in a battle over Peter's right to see the children, who regard him as their father. Be has not been found to be an unfit parent, but so strongly has Sarah turned against him that the court decided her attitude would cause the children sizess if contact continued and barred him, temporarily, from seeing them. That was 30 months ago. The court ruled that contact could only be retablished when the couple

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had resolved their dispute nat still a pears a distant prospect. Currently without a job but studying part time. Petar lives in a tiny two-room flat surrounded by the legal papers which catalogue the collapse of his life. A short drive a way is the former family home, a large house in nine acres, nov let and on the market for £400,000. Sarah has moved with the children to another county. Last month, a High Court judge ruled that Peter deceived Sarah and committee perjury when he married her declaring on the form that he was a bachelor and knew of no impediment to the marriage. The ruling, which he was given leave to appeal against, bars him from making financial claims on Sarah. The home is in Sarah's name, though Peter claims he

was responsible for organis-ing the restoration after she

bought it in a run down condi-

tion for £115,000. If he loses the

ing." His real focus is on the battle to see the children. "What they're expecting me to do is slink away into the distance. I shall fight it if only for the sake of the children. I'm expected to keep my temper, not get emotional and just walk away from my children. saying 'OK, that's it.' It's not possible." It seemed an unlikely

union, even if they hadn't both been born the same sex, but he says he regarded her as his "soulmate and best friend" He came from a working class family and left school at 15 with no qualifications. She grew up in a mansion and went to a leading public school. They met in her first year at university when she got a vacation job as a barmaid in the restaurant where ceived by AID and only recently learned the truth about their son-in-law -- oposed the relationship but Sarah gave up university and after living together for nearly four months, the couple were married. She was 20 and

Peter 30. When we were first married," says Peter, "we lived in a rented flat that was so cold we had ice on the toothbrushes in winter, and we were as happy as Larry. Now she's saying I only married har for the money. She's say-ing I only want to see the chil-dren so I can get back with her

because of her money." Given that she was 19 when they met and had grown up with brothers, didn't he think it strange that she never ques tioned his anatomy? "No. It was one of those unspoken things. It wasn't for discussion. It's as if you've got some thing wrong with you, you know about it and your partner knows about it but you don't talk about it. People find it amazing that we didn't talk about it, but we didn't." On one occasion about a

ter thair marr says (which she denies) that shadows over hobbled camels and Bedouin she discovered his vagina when they were in bed. "Sh said 'Do you want to talk about it?' I said 'no'. That was stupid. We should have disussed it." They had say using an artificial penis made of plaster of paris which he constantly wore. During a court hearing last month, when Sarah successfully challenged his right to claim a share of the family home, she told the court that Peter used to come out of the hower backwards. In April 1994 Sarah peti-tioned to divorce Peter on the grounds of unreasonable behaviour. This was nothing to do with sex, but she alleged that Peter was moody and difficult to live with. He decided to defend the divorce and there was a serious row. what she taunted him with not being a real man and he slapped her. Sarah managed to get a copy of Peter's birth certificate, which showed that he was born a girl. Why, he asks, did she think of doing that if she didn't know the truth? Armed with the certificate, she dropped the divorce petition and won a decree of nullity, on the basis that no valid marriage had ever xisted. "Nothing belonged to me. They were her children, her house, her furniture, nothing belonged to me," says Peter. "But I never realised it be nanners. cause we lived in complete trust of each other. I didn't deceive her. I'll never trust anybody again. I wouldn't put myself in that position for all the tea in China."

Dark and brooding star: 'You get eaten up by these great parts like Hamlet ... I don't want to be lost to the world' stant doubt and self-aggran-disement" is one he mentions Becoming a pin-up after Pride And Prejudice was all too - but also "the use of a spuri-

PHOTOGRAPH GRAHAM TURNER

Mr Darcy's dilemma: to be a star or flee from it all

much for Colin Firth. He fled the country to contemplate the tyranny of the eternal self. LINDA BLANDFORD tracked the actor-mystic down in the desert

HE DESERT in southsince he left drama school to star in Another Country in the West End. ern Tunisia is cold and brown. Cliffs of On stag throw d

14.544 | Prejudice, he refused all interviews and went, when not filming, to Rome to his Italian girifriend. "All this sudden

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The only moments of passion are when he talks of his unall son on the other side of the world --- of how he has had ous truth and honesty in this deception". Given that be to fight against the temptation never balieves entirely in either, it is not surprising that to be entertaining and just learn to "be there", of fighting he feels he is pulled two ways 'the obstacle within" as in acting he fights against obvious emotion, and of learning to put aside his temper. His loathing of sending his

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question of values. "Being in this job without your own values is death," he says. "What values?" I ask. "The two values which keep ecurring are honesty and courage and somehow you can't have one without the other. I'm constantly asking myself is acting putting on frocks and chasing one's ego

or is it something more? He both longs a: sharp-voiced structure of an inthe chance to take on a huge Shakespearean role — to put his stake down on the hill of stitution — must surely spring from his own experiences. Hard to imagine how frightenmen and to have his courage ing it was for the five-year-old Firth, just back from Nigeria, to and worth tested. "I remember talking to Robstand in the concrete play-ground of the tough local school ert Lawrence, who I played in Tumbledown, and knowing that something happens in war when the adrenalin flows and there's only going for it in a bestial sort of way. Just ocwith their own respect for educasionally a part comes along which provokes that reckless cation and books - might have shielded their sensitive son beneath the wing of private education. And, as I have come ness in me and yes. Hamlet would be one. But you get eaten up by it — and I'm afraid. I don't want to be lost Without always realising it, he keeps coming back to the to the world.

appeal he will have only the right to claim that which he would have got as a cohabitee based on the amount of work he put in on improving the house. Sarah is also claiming back the only asset he has --PEPs and income bonds she put in his name, of which just over £100,000 remains after spending £69,000 on the fight for contact with the children. He is now on legal aid, after she froze his assets last August.

Though he estimates that her income from family trusts is worth £300,000 a year, he is claiming only "enough for a place to live and a little business to provide me with a liv-

tents as the sun dips. In the middle of a valley floor, a bright yellow plane, nicknamed Rupert Bear, sits like a igantic nursery toy. It elongs to Geoffrey Clifton, Colin Firth's character in Anthony Minghella's film of the Booker-winning noval, tion --- an extraordinary Firth hops around between takes all earnest politeness and gawky hand gestures that would sit better on a younger man. His hair is blondish, and his beige flying suit oddly unflattering. He is the picture of an uncomplicated English-man of the late thirties. Firth places great store on the contrasting powers of light and dark. He believes he is perceived as a simpler fellow on this set because he is fingers down on the piano keys — he's delicate.") blonde and that his Darcy in the BBC's Pride And Preju-He is no longer beautiful, as he was, for instance, in Valdice owed much of its mystery mont, his first "big" film. to black hair dye. It takes time to see that Clifton is yet another of those particular Firth character roles --- the nan whose conventional shell of the time, he holds them away. What he withholds in belies the violence of his emotions. Clifton, the jolly explorer, holds his secrets -that he works for British intelligence and is capable of murderous passion. So much for the "ordinary" and creamy Clifton; so much for Firth's frightfully decent Rupert Bear

Americans on the set miss the contradictions in Firth. They take him at face value; they call him a "nice young man". They overlook the fact that he is now 35 and one of the few actors never out of work

withholds when he acts. In this interview, each moment of letting go is followed by a day of withdrawal in which he bad hever met. "If my confi-dence was challenged," he says later, "I'd withdraw." It is another clue. There's a pattern. After Valmont, he withdrew to Canada, to live with Meg Tilly, his co-star and

mother of his only child, Will, aged five. After Pride And

attention threw me. I thought the tortured homosexual I knew where I was profession-ally. I didn't think this was on schoolboy based on Guy Burgess. In the film, he played Judd, the communist driven by hatred of militaristic snobthe cards." It is as if each pos-sibility of success has led to bery. It is said that he was flight. beautiful in those days, and yet his Judd is played without vanity, played always under Is it success he fears? He counters with his starring in the West End at 23. "For a the note and against the emo while I felt I had to be exces

achievement from a 23-year-old in his first film. "You can't think I was above them. I forgot to return a phone call and come out on stage and act grief-stricken," he says at one point. "That's histrionic. I now it was because I was thought arrogant, not because I was scatty and always had been. Then I realised nothing had changed. I was working, think when you come on stage trying to be happy and then fight against grief, that's that's all there was to it." moving." (Minghella says: "Colin is delicate." Is that the He is not difficult to be with not moody or hostile, as same as subtle? I ask. "Sub-tlety is nothing to do with actsome actors are. He simply measures himself out very carefully, weighing all confi-dences. It is a question of waiting - it's how you put your ing, of listening to the spaces

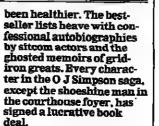
between words, and then making connections. Here, for instance, is a list of actors he admires: Albert Finney, Donald Pleasance, Anthony Hopkins, Robert Duvall. Not one has had a straight line to Even so, his face is oddly neu tral most of the time — it is his eyes which give meaning to the dark, flat voice and much their lives. 0 HE wants success, but when it came conversation becomes, in time, as revealing as what he again (with Darcy), he fled from it. Ambivalence, un-certainty, the fear of being de-fined — they all play their part. "There's no reason why the Darcy thing should perpet-uate itself." he insists. "Tm

not going to do that again. I'm not going to be that again. No, I'd be bored shitless." He also says that it is impor-tant to remember the paradoxes of an actor -- "the con-

was head of a theological college and his own teacher parents met there. That Indian heritage was ever-present in his childhood in Africa -- a childhood in which he remen bers Christianity as being sively modest so people didn't taken for granted, the word "sin" not coming up, but always a sense of the existence of "right and wrong", of thical values. Interesting, too, that the roles of which he has been proudest have involved both the challenge of moral values and the destruction and heal-

ing of "ordinary" men — A Month In The Country, in which he played a Paschen-daele survivor whose longing for the vicar's wife was declared only by his burping eyes and the way in which he folded her rose into his book, and crushed it. Another, Robert Lawrence in Tumbledown the journey of a Falklands "hero" shot and paralysed. In the end, we talk for hours. Slowly, his voice becomes richer, the hands more graceful and expressive It becomes clear that he cannot explain, even to himself, the contradictions and polarities in his life. He can't talk about his relationships - or why they always go wrong --because he doesn't under-stand them himself. He is rest less: he came back to England but often feels he doesn't be-

long. "Wherever I am, people always say, 'You're always away.' You feel like the invisi-ble man. I'm never here, I'm never there. So where am I?"



Some publishers and agents think that, along with its cousin, the sex-and-shopping novel, celebrity fiction was on its way out before Collins stepped into court. "It's the eighties bubble bursting," said Anthony Harwood of Aitken, Store and Wiley. "Ivana Trump and Joan Collins reflect that eighties sensibility, but the market is shifting

away." Against that, Steven Schragis of the New Yorkbased Carol Publishing Group, warned against ex-trapolating too much from the Collins spat. "It's the death knell of the \$4 million Joan Collins novel, but it's not necessarily the death knell of celebrity novels."

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N YEARS to come, students of popular literature may date the death of the celebrity novel to February 6, 1996. That was the day Joni Rvans, a senior Random House editor. stepped into a Manhattan courtroom and shattered the delicate set of illusions that once underpinned the multi-million dollar genre.

Evans was giving evidence in the publishing company's legal battle with Joan Collins, the British actress-turned-novelist. Since Random House wants \$1.2 million it paid Collins back, Evans was called on to explain that two manuscripts submitted by the author were too execrable to be printed. The manuscript submitted by Collins in September 1991 had, she testified, been primitive, off-base, jumpled, disjointed, alarming, dated and dull. For good measure she added cliched, melodra matic and "just plain

Her withering testimony a sentence together and the may have thrilled the thou-

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Naomi (left) and Ivana enjoyed it while it lasted, but Joan Collins has written the last chapter IAN KATZ on the fall of celebrity authors

Heinemann editor called sands of impoverished novelists toiling over unrecog-nised masterpieces. But for the agents and editors who specialise in converting Caroline Upcher? Even if no one believes a Jane Austen lurks inside every Ivana Trump, the celebrity author is at least celebrity into literary lucre, assumed to bring some t sounded like trouble. thing to the creative mix — an insight into his or her For even if the book-buying public is sophisticated in its understanding of ghost-writers and "person-blood oddition" and the exclusive milieu, perhaps, or even the bones of a plot. gnost-wrners and "person-alised editing", who is go-ing to buy a novel by Naomi' Campbell if it features a front page blurb admitting that, really, she can't string But Random House denied Collins could offer even this much. Her settings and

characters had been uncon vincing, Evans testified. Her plots had been laughable. Her publisher scarcely

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emerged unscathed either. During her testimony, Evans also revealed rather more than her employers might have liked about the

pains publishers take to turn celebrity muck into hestselling brass. Even Jeffrey Archer, a novelist regarded as a celebrity for being a successful author rather than vice versa, had required intense editing after producing 16 drafts of a single book. The Collins case also uncovered the smiling de-ception practised by book

editors. In internal memos and conversations, the Random House editors pro-fessed dismay and disbelief at the Collins manuscript. But to her face they said. This book has a long way

think twice about exposing themselves to the possibil-ity of such embarrassment. publishers may also shirk from "leap of faith" deals with famous figures who lack proven writing ability. The American celebrity publishing scene has never

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The triumph of An Inspector **Calls put Ian MacNeil in the** design superleague. So why is he an outsider in the opera world, asks TOM SUTCLIFFE

Game, set and match

ner/ director David Fielding -let him be choosy about

But though it is a play that

took him into the design superleague. MacNeil is easy with any kind of stage perfor-

mance. Apart from opera, he has also teamed up with the

choreographer Lloyd Newson (on Enter Achilles). "It's all

theatre," he says. MacNeil is

bit of an outsider in his gen-

eration of opera and theatre

designers, most of whom be-long to the Balls Pond Road

street in Hackney where David Fielding used to live -and hold court. The most visu-ally adventurous of young British designers acknowl-

edge a similar source in the so-called deconstructionist work

of German designers. The previous British design

establishment, originating

with Motley in the thirties,

also drew on German and

adorned poetic realism that Brecht liked, which was de-

Court, later merging with Sean Kenny's kind of extra va

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ion changes. MacNeil belongs

with the new expressionists.

He never went to Germany on

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MONG the most striking theatre designs of the last ten years was the unexpected expressionism of An Inspector Calls. Hundreds of thousands of people all over the world have seen that crooked mushroomhouse, with its rocking chan-delier and exploding walls on the shiny-wet cobbled strand, since Stephen Daldry's block-buster was unveiled at the National Theatre back in 1992. Daldry's designer was his lover Ian MacNeil - a 36-yearold Canadian, who was drafted in by the English

National Opera to work with their most original directorial talent of the 1980s - the controversial New Yorker David Alden - for the farewell ven ture of the old regime at the Coliseum in 1993, Handel's

luxuriant Ariodante. Tonight MacNell and Alden return for Tristan And Isolde, with Mark Elder conducting. a crucial heavyweight ENO show after the sad debacle of Sian Edwards's resignation. Inspector carried MacNeil's

name around the world, in cloned versions for Sydney, New York and Tokyo. It did for him what the Pet Shop Boys world tour did for the desig-





MacNeil on the set of Tristan . . . Twe come to opera late in life, but I've always had an instinct for it

pilgrimage as some of them did, but influence isn't neces sarily direct and cosy. "The pictures of that stuff are fantastic," he says. "The real thing might even be disappointing by comparison. My memory of Peter Stein's Hairy Ape. which I never saw, is very strong. For all I know what goes on in my head is more interesting. Someone

speaks to you in an impassioned way about what they saw — and I've digested that." MacNeil's father is Robert MacNeil, a famous news anchorman on New York television. He was raised there and in Britain, going to school both sides of the Atlantic before doing a sub-Ivy League history degree at Trinity in Hartford,

Connecticut. He came to England "be-cause I knew it would be easier to do theatre here. I wanted to eparate myself off briefly from my family. I had come out. It seemed handy to put an ocean between us." In the US, nobody wants to trust the investment required. by even a straight play to a new boy, he says. So he went to train at Croydon Art School, reamed up a portfolio, crewed backstage in the West End at

night to sam money, met chorus boys, and lived in Crys tal Palace. Then he returned to New York for a bit, crewed in way some designers are using

Manchester, followed by a year at Birmingham Rep. This out of town training period perhaps helps explain why he's less well known than his peers — many of whom worked for other opera designers as a kind of apprenticeship. His next break was meeting Stephen Daldry. "We started a relationship. It coincided with a period in both our lives

where we wanted to start in a different way." They worked together at the tiny Gate Theatre, in Notting Hill, on shows which set new standards of fringe theatre esign. Colleagues admire Mac-

Nell's work, which is still surprisingly economical: even Machinal, which looked hugely extravagant, was in fact a brilliantly inexpensive use of the existing Lyttelton machinery and the vast back stage space.

"I am operatic," he says. "I like big. I also like text. I like actors. I like the roughness of theatre, the haphazardness. I'm quite aware I've come to opera quite late in my life. There's always been an in-stinct for it. But it's not like for 15 years I was killing myself to do opera. Opera has come by."

His operatic influences are David Fielding and Philip Prowse. He also admires they

vards dropped out six months the way Bob Crowley's Importance Of Being Earnest was as extravagant as Wilde's language." He agrees that there's a link between that excessively imaginative world and the fact that so many design-ers are gay. "All you look at in the world doesn't accommodate you, so you spin off into fantasy very readily and imagine a world you can belong in. We're talking about the dispossessed." At ENO, the tension between MacNeil and Alden tends to be about the decora-

tive aspect of design. Alden was originally teamed with Charlie Edwards for Tristan, but Marks, as impresario, was uncomfortable with their plans without explaining precisely why. Finally Ed-

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MacNeil's opera designs end to be more eclectic than his theatre. "I am quite magpie-ish. I'm quite different from David in my view of the world. With Handel's Ariothe process has continued. The whole piece is subtext. Design is trying to get into the heart of what's going on and make that manifest."

Tristan And Isokie opens today at the Colliseum. (0171-632 6300).



The height of emotion

The Guardian Saturday February 10 1996

Television

Adam Sweeting

FITS Priday, it's time to rent a video again. It's a scheduling graveyard, groaning with repeats and novelty programming, all glued together with blobs of ncient comedy-Polyfilla. Channel 4 are so desperate that they've hired Chris "Ginger Toothbrush" Evans to save it with TFI Friday (live and unpreviewable, but doubt-less really 2010). So it's a set of crampons and some high-quality thermal underwear to Inside Story (BBC1), for Alison's Last lountain, an effort to make a human-interest documentary which asked difficult questions and took it for granted that the ending wouldn't be happy. It was partly a tribute to climber Alison Hargreaves, killed in an avalanche after climbing K2 last year, but mostly an exami nation of how her husband and children were coping with the loss.

Hargreaves and Jim Ballard had been married for seven years and lived together for 15, and accepted that Alison's career as a mountaineer was both her vocation and the job which kept the family clothed and fed, thanks to sponsorship and publishing deals. The film was structured around Ballard's visit to K2 with their children a few weeks after her death.

It made you want answers. Why did Ballard want to make so painful a trip with a TV crew in tow? How could he remain unmoved when sifting through Alison's salvaged pos-sessions, or while watching

Reviews

POP Northern Uproar The Garage ORTHERN Uproar have their youth to tion, which is currently on the cover of a music paper near you. In interviews, this quar-tet of 17-year-olds from the Manchester auburbs oblig-

her personal video diary from her successful K2 ascent? Was Alison driven to keep on climbing by the aggravating drone of his voice?

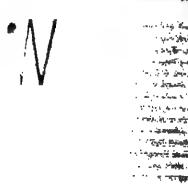
drone of his voice? Ballard was spiky and diffi-cult, and his unfinching prag-matism (she died doing what she wanted to do, ctc) grated after a while. But without him, the film would have been a sentimental, self-indulgent shambles. As it was, you were left to ponder the value of human relationships, the nature of parenthood, and what, in the end, a life is worth.

Which was all damn heavy stuff compared to Hotel Babylon (ITV). It's becoming quite difficult to spot the difference between Friday night and Saturday morning --- you get splattered with non-stop pre-teen drivel in both places — and Dani Behr's recipe of pop groups, supermodels and items about female bodyguards or psychotic Brazilian footballers looks about four years out of date. Claudia Schiffer demonstrated once again that supermodels are for looking at and not for talking to, while Behr's interview with Noel Gallagher was two characters desperately count-ing the seconds before the next commercial break.

At least Gag Tag (BBC1) makes no pretence at being aimed at anybody under 40. Bob Monkhouse has been installed as host, and is apparently contracted to deliver at least 30 per cent of the jokes every week. Eddie Large gave him a run for his money though, especially in the charades round, where he had to give his team-mate clues whereby he could iden-tify movie titles. "I washed the goats at too high a temperature"? Oh, hurry up — It's Honey, I Shrunk The Kids.

bashery. Bassist/vocalist Leon Meya, though nominally the frontman, is no more attention-grabbing than the drummer: the two guitarists are as close as you can get to invisibility. The brief set is dominated by the energy-rush of the first single, Rollercoaster. Unfortunately, it's only the second number they play and, from there it's downhill all the way. Most of the following six or seven songs which Meya doesn't introduce - are the sort Paul Weller would use to warm up. One

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dante, it intrigued me to be working with someone I dis-agreed with so much, though in the end I felt all right about the show. Aesthetically we so things differently. I would want to make things pretty and he doesn't. With Tristan

SEAN SMITH

painted cloths, which he Annie on Broadway and also on La Cage Aux Folles. The break was back in Britdoesn't do. "I'm not figurative. But I love all that, being illusionary and breaking the illuain — an Arts Council bursary SUE ADLER | to go to the Library Theatre. sion at the same time. I liked

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HE REITH lecture series (Radio 4) has long looked like a museum piece. But it turns out that all the outdated lecture format required was a dusting down, Jean Aitchison, who holds the Rupert Murdoch Chair of Language and Communication at Oxford, turns out to be a Jolly, no-nonsense Mrs Moon. On Tuesday night in the first

lecture of the series, which goes under the umbrella title The Language Web. Aitchi-

worries" that surrounds language use. Double negatives? No problem, says Aitchison. Split infinitives? The more the merrier. This is a woman I could warm to. (Prepositions at the end of sentences are OK She certainly knows how to use a well-placed soundbite to illustrate a point. There are not many people who would be brave enough to use snippets of Janet Street-Porter, Lenny Henry and Cilla Black to illus trate the richness and diver-sity of the English language.

sedition.

Broadcast on Radio 4, this probably qualifies as an act of

But Aitchison has no truck with the self-appointed lan-

decry falling standards. Lan-guage doesn't decay, she argues, it changes. People pick up changes because they want to. They match their clothes and hairstyles to the social group they want to conform with; they also match their language, Adaptation is normal and healthy human behaviour. Listen to the radio for a day and you'll hear this in action. Nobody on Virgin or London Newstalk sounds like Celia Johnson or Trevor Howard, On the World Service its hard to find anybody who doesn't. Radio 3, with the exception of Paul Gambaccini, still favours formal speech and Oxford ac-cents, while the country music

jocks often sound as if they're apeing the vernacular and twang of fifties American Bmovies. Of course, Aitchison's argument that it's only sen-sible that we speak to babies, i guage police, or language flat earthers as she calls them, who bus conductors and students in different ways, has its down-side, You only have to tune into Six-0-Six on Radio 5 Live to hear David Mellor being patronisingly matey with football

fans. He makes Terry Wogan on Wake Up To Wogan (Radio 2) sound like a model of sincerity. In fact, for the real fruit salad of speech forms and ac-cents, you can't beat Radio 5 live. I know it's not a fashion able view but I rather like this station. It has the intimate, friendly feel of a local radio station but also retains some of

tion occurs to justify its exisough as their reward. I thought the sound of the arctic wind whistling through tence as a sports and news ser-vice. What I particularly like is that, apart from the unfortuthe stands was a particularly nice touch, adding a fitting sense of drama to the occasion nate Mellor, it is largely a poli-tician-free zone. You get more and increasing the interest of informed comment, much less radio football no end. It should become a regular feature. The Mind you, the blizzard-like conditions this week have been pretty tough on Radio 5 Live. Without the racing tips, the

station is just a shadow of itself. Still, the partner will be relieved that this week the Guardian cheque is going into the bank rather than on the 2.30 at Ascol There was an antious mo-

ment when it looked as though there would be no fixtures at all to fill the Tuesday match slot and everyone would have to spend two-and-a-half hours the gravitas of Radio 4. It has settled in nicely, no longer Fortunately Huddersfield had sounding as if it's just filling in with patter until the next cup central heating under the pitch

weather also provided a good moment on Tuesday lunchtime when Arthur, marooned on a snowbound A74 over night foolishly decided to frit ter away the dwindling power of his mobile phone by calling Radio 5 Live rather than the The presenter couldn't have been more excited if it had been Captain Scott on the line

"Row are you," he enquired. "Cold," said Arthur rather crossly. "I'm down to my last Trebor mint, please send help." There was a plaintive silence. He's probably still there.

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better, as far as adherents are Inspector Calls ... unexpected expressionism memory konton concerned, is the rudimentary grasp of Oasis-like songs mithery exhibited on their two singles. What they lack, though, is a nascent Lennon or McCariney, or even a Noel Gallagher, and nowhere is it more evident than on stage. Live, Northern Uproar are an act of four quarters, each member contributing equally to the undistinguished guitar-JAZZ

enough to remember the

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Henry Smith The Rhythmic

> HE WORDS sprightly septuagenarian, clicht or not, trip off the pen when discussing Jimmy Smith, not only because of his edgy stage persons but because of how and what he plays. Apart from employing the packed house as a backing choir, he managed at one point to browbeat chattering iners into silence. Forty years ago, he revolu-ionised jazz on the organ with his fast-fingered bebop, his full use of available stops and

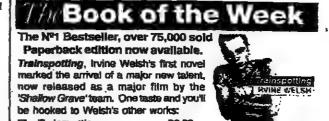
particularly drab example of (though they profess a fond-ness for the Beatles). Even halladus mekus does stand out, the guitars ponderous and all over the place.

The one surprise is how tame they seem. You might have anticipated belligerence; the cover of one of their records pictures Meya adminis-tering a bovver-booted kick to the camera. In front of a soldout throng, however, Meya devolves into an awkward. uncomfortable adolescent.

Caroline Sullivan

into this groove, with Smith's slightly muffled, expertly timed interjections providing the ideal backcloth. He then switched to a more pronounced back-beat, propelled by the very lively Jimmy lackson on drums, and took the main solo, slipping in a few bars of The Flight Of The Bumble Bee that undoubtedly suited the instrument Prohe bly the most sustained passage came after he unexpect-edly introduced a snappy foottapping ballad and just sat back and milked the organ for its orchestral colour. Tenor saxophonist Herman Riley, who had vied with Smith for the honours last time round, came into his own on the final flagwaver, straight out of the Chicago blues, with sax and organ taking the roles of guitar and har monica. Jimmy Smith plays at the Rhythmic, London tonight (0171-713

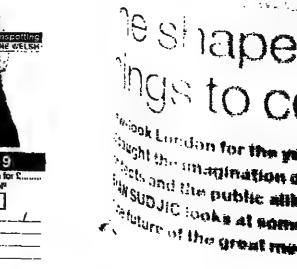
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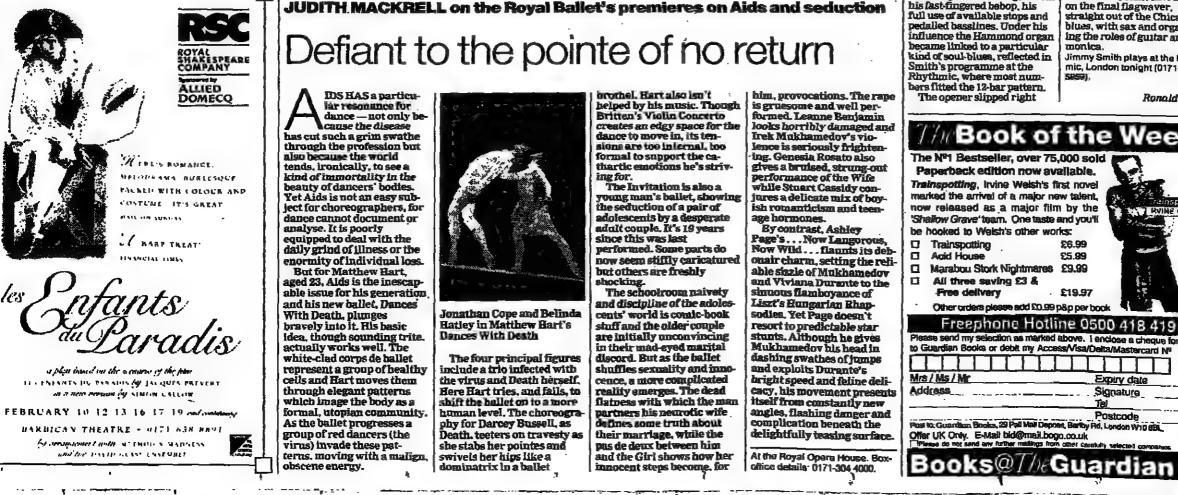
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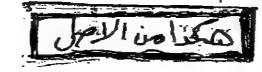


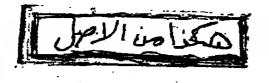
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• The great grub war – and how we lost it

The future of British food is in jeopardy and, argues MATTHEW FORT, we have only ourselves to blame

HEN I was a lad, I fell in love with the weirs on the River Thames. Even now their unmes exert an irresistible magic in my imagination - Boveney,

berland (although the latter in the hands of a serious butcher are superior). But it isn't simply the magic of the name that seduces the enthusiastic eafer to plump lot the imported goody. The French and the Italians, Spanish, Gree eks and Portugu

same for the sausages of Cum-

when people take up the chorus about the quality and abundance of our home-grown Green's Food Lower's Guide to Britain, "There is an abun-dance of food about but it produce --- "second to none" raises a low level of "heritage we can be proud of Toreigness are always expectation." Such low expectation amazed" — it is as well to take it with a ladie of salt. which depend on trust in th That is not to say the high quality of ingredients. It is a little difficult to attack a don't have brilliant cheeses meats, fishes, vegetables, pies hams and so on. We do, but teak and kidney pie with much vim if their survival and the maintenance of standards is left to individuals, who, on the whole you think you're going to get BSE from have to be mad to do what they are doing, because they get small thanks, little help from their fellows, local authorities the steak part. As consum and government, frequently ers we have to endure abject poverty and run the risk of being forced into share respon-sibility for bankruptcy through the illelping to creudged, malicious brutality of ate this dire any one of the above-named situation. We bodies. The decline in the number have come to expect strawand quality of our native prod erries 365 ucts should be almost as great days a year, and asparagus destruction of the rain forests, in December. because that is what it resent-We want it bles most closely. If we are not now and we careful, in a few years time all that's left will be a few examwant it cheap "Is there anything more depressing than being faced with a For 50 years, since the Ubeasant in May?" said the Duchess of Devonshire. For most of us the question hardly arises, not because we don't like pheasant but because we've lost all sense of their SOIL. A second reason behind the decline in our national culinary culture is the almost total lack of interest by our nativeborn chefs. The towering giants of the profession will turn out immaculate French or even Italian dishes. They and the industrialised systems know what to do with truffle oil and have as deft a way with a sabayon as any of their Continental confrères or socurs. But how many have studied the structure of a trifle, or thought long and hard about the nature of a pie? Did you know there isn't even a word

reduces still further public interest in forms of cooking

1996/97 edition of Henrietta

in French for "pie": "quelque chose en croute " is not the same

own neighbourhood, or

thing at all. And it is much easier to send and local dishes. There is even a phrase for it. "It faut renou-veler la cuisine du terroir", any a van to Rungis market outside Paris twice a week and stock up with pigeons, ducks, mush rooms, vagetables and cheeses than to hunt them down in chef worth his salt will say to a visiting journalist inquiring after the source of his or ber

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It is, of course, a mistake to believe that it is only the exotic delicacies that hold sway. That is the delusion of food writers and personalities and their middle class acolytes. For most people, other immigrant foods

If it is any consolation to Her Grace, it was ever thus. In the preface to the 1845 edition of Modern Cookery For Private Families, Eliza Acton wrote, 'It cannot be denied that an improved system of practical domestic cookery, and a better knowledge of its first princi-

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Day. There is a class of food writer for whom the names of our food products have a similar magic. Has the world anything more fair. wrote Her Grace, the Duchess of Devon-shire the other week, than Morecambe Bay shrimps, Harrogate toffee, Whitstaple oysters, Colman's very Norfolk mustard and Kentish cobnuta

"For something more sub-stantial," she urged, "go to Cumberland, Lincolnshire and Newmarket for sausages to Bath for Olivera, to York and Bradenham for hams, to Scotland for haggis, venison, Arbroath smokies, baps, finnan baddock. Gooseberries, rhubarb, horseradish, Cox's orange pippin's and grouse don't come far from home." How true, how very true. But are any of them any good?

The French may not have been the first to discover the magic of the geographical brand, but they have brought the concept to its highest pitch. How many gastro-travellers have not been separated from fistfuls of francs by the sweet seduction of poulet de Bresse agneau de Sisteron, jambon de Morvan, and asperge de Bugey, not to mention Camem bert fermier and saucisses de Montbelliard?

Somehow the home-grown mantra looses a good deal of its incantatory magic in this con-text. Bradenham seems honest and full square, but it lacks the wild ring of Morvan. Welsh bill lamb is wonderful stuff (when you can find it), but with agneau de Sisteron we enter the realm of romance. And while you might mount an ex-pedition in search of the sausages of Montbelliard. it is hard to see anyone doing the

for that matter, have been intelligent and diligent enough to realise that, in order to go on selling large quantities of olives, oils, cheeses, fruits, ausages, breads and what have you, then they must meet certain basic criteria. The laws governing ingredianta, storage, ageing, process-ing of foodstuffs in these countries are many and varied, and, if not rigorously enforced, are promulgated

poularde. That is the law.

There are no such laws in this country, no rigorous

screening process, and few associations, societies or

product.

with sufficient energy to pro-mote a consistently high standard. And where there are not governments or local authori-ties to sit in judgment, then local associations, societés, raternitės will.

a matter of concern as the So when you fork out a small tune for a Bresse chicken, it is a bird of specified breed that has lived its life in the open air, been fed on maize, wheat, and full or skimmed milk and ples of heritage farmers pro-ducing traditional heritage what it can find for itself, been treated by no antibiotics, horayre. mones or any other chemical nonsense, and ended its life at

boat blockade during the four or five months, depending on whether it is a poulet or second world war almost suc-ceeded in starving Britain into submission, successive governments have followed a macro-agricultural policy de-signed to achieve self-suffiiency and cheap food. The irony is that we now import more food than ever before -

given dross a bad name. So

brotherhoods ensuring that minimum standards are high and that those standards are worth £8.4 billion last year --maintained out of pride in the and competitive culture are responsible for an unprece-Anyone who played a part in the Guardian Great Sausage ented series of food scares Quests of a few years back, will bear witness to the truly astonand the undermining effect that has accompanied them. It is all very well for minis-ters and others to witter on about "unparalleled range of ishing amount of garbage pass ing itself off under the disguise of Uncle Mordred's Old Fashchoice", when no one really wants what's on offer. As Derek Cooper succinctly puts it in his foreward to the



It is not so much that we neglected our own culinary heritage as abandoned it

ting edge. But behind it is a serious commercial purpose. I everyone thinks that French food is wonderful, they will want to buy lots of it. The reputation of French cooking is

second to none - not surpris ingly, because the French have made sure we see it that way. In fact, lots of French food is no better than ours, but we are still in thrall to the mystique, carefully nurtured by a tiny proportion of total food pro duction, found in the rural narkets and among artisan butchers and bakers, and of course in restaurants. And these restaurants know that there is a basic law of marketing: you can't afford to stand still. You have constantly to be introducing new products or people will get

inspiration. The development of French cooking has been based on its own ingredients deeply conservative farmers to produce them. and culture. The development of British In other

cooking has depended on what we can import, the natural consequence of centuries-old imperialist tendencies. In the introduction to Spices, Salt And Aromatics In The English Elizabeth David wrote, "The English people have a natural taste for highly seasoned food". This is not, she suggests, the result of the need to doctor and disguise poor quality or half-rotting meats, but the natural consequence of a tradition that goe ack to the 14th century and beyond. She cites recipes from the 15th century containing ginger, pepper, macs, cloves cinnamon and galingale.

Those recipes calling for fewer spices make up for the lack in mustard and vinegar, herbs, wine and ale." Five centuries on we are still at it, importing, borrowing and doctoring olive oils and sundried tomatoes, lemon grass and soya sauces, mango and preserved limes. But there has been one important change. Whereas once we im-ported them and put them to vork jollying up our native dishes, binding them into our own culinary tradition, now we simply take on the dishes

Restaurant menus and supermarket chiller cabinets are stuffed with ersatz combi-nations drawn straight from convinced that we know what to do with them. When I asked the cooking traditions of Italy, Thailand, Spain, China, the Duchess of Devonshire France and India. Dinner parwhether she thought people ties are dominated by char treated their native foods propgrilled chicken breasts with erly, she answered with a trengriled peppers in a kaffir lime chant "no".

their hearts and minds, the this country; where, from mass produced, mass produc-ing foods of America — hamgnorance, or from mismanagement in their preparation burgers, deep-fried chicken, the daily waste of excellent provisions almost exceeds belief." deep-pan pizzas, saturated in fats, steeped in sugars.

It is not so much that we However, there is a clue here to the essence of British peglected our own culinary heritage as abandoned it cookery, and why, in most of its modern forms, it has gone wholesale. Where it does survive, it is in the form of culiso wildly off the rails. Let us forget for a moment, the nonnary embalming. We extol the virtues of the steak and kidney pareil quality of our ingredi-ents. Let us consider what we pudding, the shepherd's pie, aggots. There is The Great do with them when we have British Breakfast, with fried them. What is the nature of bread as its central altarpiece, British cooking? If you look through the inand the Great British Pudding such as jam roly poly, Sussex troductions and forewards and Pond Pudding, ye olde trifle, instructions of even the great but these dishes, excellent as classic writers, you will not find many clues. For one they are, represent a state of the art several centuries old. thing, you get a strong feeling The steak and kidney pudding that even the fiercest defendis to food what the abacus is to ers really think, in their heart of hearts, that British cooking computing. Where culinary investigais inferior to that of other tion has been undertaken, it is countries.

in the form of archaeology. Did For another, even our great-'Burnt Cream" predate Creme est writers seem at a loss to Brulée? What are the authenknow how to define its qualitic ingredients of a Lancashire Hot Pot. Can we revive cherry ties. "What each individual country does do." wrote Jane Grigson in English Food, "is to potage? There is that dreadful Britgive all elements, borrowed or otherwise, something of their ish tendency to hark back to some imagined golden age, when the world was a purer, natural character". And then, infuriatingly, she neglects to better place, and the food we ate was purer, better stuff. This tell us what the natural char-acter of English food actually is: regional or seasonal or tech-nical or none of these things? is, of course, total nonsense, The history of British food is one of adulteration, dilution and tampering. Even those who clamour loudest about the excellence of our native produce, are less

25,000 office workers in the

The answer, increasingly, would seem to be none. The culinary traditions of many nations already flourishing in this country may make the development of a single "national" culinary culture an absurdity. It seems a pity, however, that the cooking of the host country does not share the vitality and creativity of those it has welcomed so greedily

ioned Pork Bangers. While there were many sparkling gems, the amount of dross and the degree of dross would have



A new-look London for the year 2000 has caught the imagination of architects and the public alike. **DEYAN SUDJIC** looks at some ideas for the future of the great metropolis

HE RESPONSE to the Architecture Foundation's programme of debates on the future of

London has been nothing short of astounding. Quite unexpectedly, what were planned as a series of wellmeaning but essentially

arcane private conversations about the shape of the capital have turned into highly-

charged public events. The venue has shifted from a tiny church in Piccadilly to political". Central Hall in Westminster, large enough to take 2,500 people. January's opening

session was packed to hear Richard Rogers, John Gum-mer and others discuss where London, rudderless for a decade, is going in the next century. It was certainly the largest general audience that Gummer has ever had a chance to discuss urban polcan be.

potential of the Thames. Inhabited bridges, a serious a plan to enable passengers arriverboat transport system and the potential of the restau rant business to bring new life into run-down areas are all on the agenda. Over the next six debates.

vidual projects like the Tate's Bankside museum of modern

riving at Blackfriars railway station to choose whether to get off on either the north or south bank of the Thames. This not only does something remarkable for the geography of the capital, but could be the most beautiful of the architect's schemes to date, a shown by models at the Architecture Foundation's gallery in St James's as part of the

art. There is even the chance

of some radical new architec-

ture in London; Will Alsop has

sight of completion. After Abercrombie, plan-

middle of a sea of mud with inadequate transport and roads and a generally abysm standard of architecture. The retreat from planning has left London uneasy about the potential of attempts at radical urban surgery. Most of the architects at the debates talk about ambitious schemes to knit together the north and Revitalising the river: the south banks of the Thames. Tate's Bankside museum **Richard Rogers dreams of** making the South Bank an bie designated a military runessential part of the West End way at Heathrow as the capiand sheltering the Hayward tal's major airport, and the South Bank as its cultural cen-

Gallery under a cliff of glass. Michael Hopkins is proposir tre. He even suggested a high-speed rail link from Heathrow a cable car link jumping off at Covent Garden, pole-vaulting to Paddington. Now, 50 years later, that project is within across the Thames on a single steel strut and landing up at the foot of the Festival Hall, They find it very hard to be ning got the worst of names on | taken seriously.

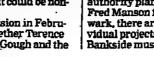
both sides of the political spec-The most common response trum. The result was the chaos of the great lurch into Dockoutside the architectura ghetto is the assumption that though that kind of thing lands of the 1980s: a surge of development that marconed might work in Paris, it goes against the grain in London. In fact, the two cities, a whole order of magnitude bigger than any of their European rivals, have leapfrogged each other in attempts to outdo the other's best ideas over a couple of centuries. It is perhaps the prospect of going several steps better than Mitterrand's Paris that is behind the bubbling ferment of architectural ideas reflected by the foundation's debates. Initiatives like this cannot be reduced to bureaucratic

guidelines. They depend on creating a climate in which a sense of excellence can flourish.

Just look at Virginia Bottomley's ludicrous new logo for London to see what can go wrong when a committee tries to come up with an aesthetic idea.

icy with. And now that Lord Howe has publicly conceded that abolishing the GLC was a mistake, even Gummer is now close to admitting that London does need leadership of some kind, "if only it could be non-

The next session in February brings together Terence Conran, Piers Gough and the 1.



chance to shape what the city There are innovative local authority planners, such as Fred Manson from Southwark, there are exciting indi-

months, further debates will tackle everything from transport to housing and from culture to the future of the parks. It's important not to get carried away. The debates may sound like an assertion of oldstyle grassroots democracy, a town meeting for a giant city. But they are still essentially talking shops. Yet their extraordinary success suggests pent-up demand among every section of Londoners for a

engineer, Alan Baxter, with

the focus on the under-utilised

beyond the pragmatic and the

mundane. What has been lacking is a vision that brings deas, people and architecture

together. Remarkably, that wartime plan is still shaping the way London develops. Abercrom-

exhibition accompanying the But what London has not ad since the 1940s, when Pat rick Abercrombie drew up the regional development plan, is any sense of vision that goes

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Neil Franklin



Pioneer . . . Franklin at Stoke City in 1950

Prototype sweeper in a minefield

who died yester-day at his Stone, Staffordshire, unjust. So when the wealthy Santa

Fe club of Bogota began to put home, aged 74, out feelers to a number of English players in the early summer of 1950, there was no shortage of interest. Colom-bia, however, had broken was the most distinguished English centre-half of his generation. In the immediate post-war years he played for away from Fifa and, apart from the repercussions of breaking league rules, those who abandoned their clubs Stoke City and England with equal distinction. but his career never recovered from an abortive attempt to earn a ran the risk of never being allowed to play in England fortune in South America. Franklin, who had joined Stoke from school in 1936 and

again. again. Franklin was due to repre-sent England in the 1950 World Cup in Brazil. Shortly before the squad left. how-ever. he withdrew, telling the Football Association that his wife much have a baby played alongside Stanley Mat-thews, won 27 consecutive international caps and would have gained many more had It not been for the events of 1950, when a shudder ran down the country as it was realised that the cream of the wife was having a baby. The reality was that he and another Stoke player. George Mountford, together with their wives and families, had ation's talent was being enticed to Bogota, flown to Bogota to sign for Santa Fe. Others followed, al-At that time the maximum

basic wage a league profes-sional in England could earn though few did more than check out the offers being was £12 a week during the made by Santa Fe and an-other Colombian club, Milseason, which was reduced to £7.50 in the summer. Set against the huge attendances lionarios, before returning to England. Manchester United's Charof the day - league gates for the 1949-50 season totalled 40.5 million - and already spiralling transfer fees (Preston paying Sheffield Wednesday

lie Mitten did eventually sign for Santa Fe but by then a disillusioned Franklin was almuch as £26,500 for Eddie ready on his way home. His

EIL FRANKLIN. | Quigley), this was felt to be | tale was the now-familiar one | the ball, the skill with which of the English player strug he beat opposing forwards gling to adapt to strange sur- and the vision which enabled roundings with no command

of the language. "Maybe it is hard to be-lieve." Franklin recalled later, "but it took us a couple of weeks to teach them how to cook bacon and eggs ... and every time we asked for soup we were brought porridge." On his return home Frank-

lin was banned for a year by the FA and never played for England again. Commenta-tors felt that Franklin and the tors feit that Frankin and the others had highlighted the in-iquities of the transfer sys-tem, the modesty of players' wages and the need to give them a share of the fees when they changed clubs. Later Franklin was regarded a picture in exiting the system pioneer in getting the wages ceiling removed, yet he himself came out against such changes in his auto-

biography. "I do not think that any player has a legitimate grievance over money," he wrote. He also said that he was not in favour of abolishing the maximum wage, sharing transfer fees or giving players

freedom of contract. As a footballer, Franklin was effectively a sweeper be-fore his time. His comfort on 9,1998

him to set up attacks with perceptive passes, set him apart.

After his ban had been lifted, he played in English football for another seven years. For five of these he was at Hull City. He then moved to Crewe and ended his playing days at Stockport County. Franklin managed Colchester United for a time and an abiding personal memory is of seeing him sitting bolt up-right in his little office at Layer Road preparing for a third round FA Cup-tie against West Bromwich Albion in 1968. He was in plaster following a slipped disc but still talked animatedly about the match we had seen be-tween WBA and Nottingham Forest the previous Saturday, "What a marvellous game," Franklin enthused, "so much attacking football, and scarcely a tackle in the entire 90 minutes." That, as much as anything, summed up the player he must have been.

David Lacey

Nell Franklin, lootballer, born January 24, 1922; died February



Standards bearer ... Fletcher at the Home Service in 1949

Ronald Fletcher Speaking for a way of life

VERYONE knew Ron-ald Fletcher, who has died aged 85, through his voice. He was one of a bandful of radio announcers who entered the national con-sciousness a lifetime ago and sciousness a merine ago and stayed with us, charting the years on our behalf. His "BBC accent" — exquisitely modu-lated, the delivery crisp, the pronunciation perfect — was part of the British way of life. "London calling" and all that.

"London calling" and all that. Barly on people knew Fletcher only through the airwaves but later, through television, he became a familiar figure: elegant. silver-haired. dressed always in a Savile

Row suit or blazer. Around Richmond he was often glimpsed en route to the golf course or the newsagent's for the evening paper's racing edition, tall, suntanned. concentrating on the winner of the 3.30, unless distracted by passing pair of female legs. I knew him for most of the 33 years he lived in Richmond and he did not seem to age. The last time I saw him, a few weeks ago, his blue eyes were undimmed, a scarf jauntily alung over one shoulder. Born in Salisbury, he went

to Shrewsbury and Cam-bridge, read English but got sent down for spending more time studying form at the race-track than in college. A fanatical golf enthusiast, he was runner-up in the British Boys' Championship at 16 and won the French Open a few years later.

After Cambridge he went to South Africa, became a danceband singer and, as a crooner, made his radio debut. He came home and married his first wife, Terri Hahn, in 1987. A great gambler, he had in-herited money from his north-

but ran through the lot before he was 30. After war service as a captain in an anti-aircraft regiment, he saw an advertisement for a BBC radio announcer, got the job and never left. He read the news. introduced programmes and gradually widened his sphere to take in comedy shows. His formality was part of his personality: on Breaklast With Braden and Bodtume With Braden, comedian Ber nard Braden invariably addressed him as "Mr Fletcher", Ronad believed in keeping up standards. He was an unreconstructed, old-

school gent. In 1956 he met Rita Dando, fellow-announcer, studio manager and keen golfer. They were married in 1946 They had a daughter and a son. He remained in radio full-time before, at 38, he joined TV's Braden's Week, where his deadpan quotations from letters, local newspapers and dotty news items becaute integral to the show. He joined Tim Brooke Taylor and Bill Oddie in the Twice A Formight series and in 1971 was summoned by John Cleese to receive the Monty Python Award for best dressed newsrender. By 60 he was reconciled to retirement. apart from the odd voice-over and commercial, but with Radio 4's Quote, Unquote he found a new audience, staying for 17 years and 200 editions. He regretted not having had a more intellectually fulfilling career but settled for a life of considerable pleasure and the comfort of friends and family.

Los Langier

Ronald Fletcher, broadcaster, born July 10, 1910; died February ern coal magnate grandfather

Audrey Meadows



HEN Dustin Hoff-man, addressing an audience at the National Film Theatre in London, menoned that his favourite television programme as a youngster was The Honeymooners, he encountered a sea of blank faces. Yet he was speaking for the fifties

American generation. "Jackie Gleason and Art Carney were remarkable clowns and Audrey Meadows was an incredible ac-tress. At the time, I didn't know that I was watching greatness," he insisted. Since then British viewers have occasionally had the

Show, he looked for another partner but rejected Meadows because he felt she was too young and pretty. She got a photogra pher to take pictures of her without makeup and in a frumpy dress, and sent them to Gleason, who immediately recanted. Meadows was born in

China, the daughter of an Episcopalian minister. Five years later, the family returned to the US, Meadows began her career as a soprano, debuting aged 16 at New York's Carnegie Hall. Her elder sister, ac-tress Jayne Meadows, who was married to TV person-

ences saw was the grimy kitchen, which served as both living and dining room. The view from the window was the back of buildings and fire escapes. This dump, an affront to Ralph, symbolised his failure to provide a decent

Trixle Norton (Art Carney and Joyce Randolph), their friends from upstairs, had a more comfortable abode, even though Ed worked in the sewers. While roly-poly Gleason glowered, swag-gered, raged and bellowed, the trim Meadows, with arms folded, coolly observed him with a mixture

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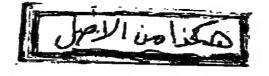
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The hidden cost of loving

When the kissing 170 stops, financial heartbreak starts

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OVE may not be time's fool, but we are whenever we fall in love — unle we make sure that our hearts do not rule our

cheque-books. With one in three marriages ending in divorce, and count-less other relationships falling apart, it doesn't pay to bet on your love being everlasting. So practising safe finance from the outset can save the agony of heartache later on. And this applies equally for men and women.

Most couples are ill-advised to open joint bank and savings accounts, particularly at an early stage in the relationship. Both parties to a joint account are jointly and severally liable for the debts therein. If one partner incurs huge debts, the other will have to meet them.

Couples are wise to keep their accounts with different banks as, at best, two accounts with one bank may be viewed as a whole when granting loans to one partner; at worst banks have been known to take money from one account to meet the liabilities of another. Separate accounts will also prevent runaway spouses robbing you blind before they abscond

The main advantage of joint accounts is that should one partner die, the other has immediate access to their com-bined funds. Separate accounts become part of the estate, which can mean long delays before a partner obtains

Joint credit cards can also be a liability when love dies.

cies surrendered early. New laws are beginning to give cohabitees some legal rights — but the unmarried still have no rights over a part-per's assets if there is a breakup, although parents may have the right to maintenance where they are looking after children. The Family Bill, which is now in the House of Lords, gives victims of domes tic violence the right to continue living in the cohabited home for six months — a power which can only be

renewed once. But since January, cohabitees have been given the same rights as married spouses to a partner's estate when he or she dies without making a will. Under the Law Reform Success sion Act, partners and spouses have an automatic right to the first £75,000 of an intestate estate, and a life interest in the remaining half, with the other half going to any surviving children

This change may not be welcome news for many married couples. Mary Hase, of accoun-tants Hereward Philips, exlains: "Most couples believe that if they leave everything to their spouses, then it will pass automatically to the children. This may not be the case in future if the husband or wife finds a new friend, who may have a claim on the estate, which they leave to their own children.'

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But if sponses will their share of property directly to the children, an inheritance tax bill could be triggered, as only transfers between spouses are free from tax. Cohabitees are not eligible

for tax-free transfers on death, riage: the cost.



Romantics who should run for cover

Jili Papworth

HE thousands of cou-

should give some thought to the less romantic side of mar-

| expenses of £2,500, and General Accident's policy, start-ing at 250.99, cover against the costs of any wedding supplier Everyone would be purposely going bust. Others restrict spilling red wine down their insolvency cover to the dresses they could never wear reception venue only. again in order to get their Some insurers only cover damage to wedding attire be-

money back." Policies including Wedding Care, Weddingsurance and

said: "We'd be open to abuse if we covered dresses after com-mencement of the wedding. I travel insurer, Home & Over-seas, offers a policy in con-junction with tour operator

Inspirations which specialises in foreign wedding packages. While most wedding insur-

NORTHERN Rock has ance policies cover presents for a short period after the

branched out to Guernsey to offer its customers the bene-fit of the tax-bayen. Its new offshore instant access account pays interest gross at 6.45 per cent on deposits of ■MIDLAND Bank is seeking Welsh pockets for its new bilingual credit card. The Welsh card gives customers a Master card and Visa for a yearly fee of £12. Non-Welsh speakers need not fear as the card works in English just as well. Keen Welsh cardholders will not find carrying the flag cheap. Cyfradd llog carry y mis APR 20.9 y cany ar burcasau a 22.7 y cany am godi arain; or. to put it another way, charges on the card are set at an hefty APR of 20.9 and at APR 22.7 for borrowing cash on the card.

Taking a fix on savings bonds

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Cashpoints

THIS week's favourite investment product would appear to be the fixed-interest savings bond.

NatWest Bank has intro-duced the High Income Bond which pays monthly interest lixed at 6 per cent after tax on minumum deposits of £5,000 until July 31, 2001 — but there is a risk that an investment may be crocked. The amount of capital pay-

able at the end of the term depends on the performance of the Footsie share price index of the top 100 companies listed on the Stock Exchange. If the index rises by at least 37.5 per cent over five years investors will get their deposit back in full.

However, the bank will only return 85 per cent of the original investment if the index fails to rise by the set level or falls over the term The Woolwich Building Society has a three-year fixed-rate bond paying 6.4 per cent gross and 4.8 per cent after tax

on minimum deposits of £1,000. The returns on invest ments over £24,999 is fixed at 6.65 per cent before tax (4.99 per cent net). The Coventry has a four-

year fixed-rate bond with a minimum investment of £2,000. The new bond will pay interest rates which are raised year by year on a sliding scale starting from 5.75 per cer gross (4.31 per cent net) to 9.25 per cent gross (6.93 per cent net) in the fourth year

for the debts of the associate cardholder, which means that you may end up paying for your former lover's holiday in Tahiti designed to erase you from their memory. Those with divorce in mind

should also consider keeping life assurance separate. Although more costly initially, such policies will pay out on both deaths rather than one, and prove more adaptable than joint life policies.

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famously unwed couples tie the knot on their death bed. Similarly, married couples can ding last year was nearly £8,700, according to Wedding and Home magazine. They es timate the figure for weddings swap assets free from capital gains tax — the unmarried in 1996 will top £9,000. This expense is worth protecting through insurance. Cohabitees with children The first item to be ade-quately covered should be the can claim a married couple's tax allowance but they will not qualify for state benefits for

engagement ring, either under their own house con-tents insurance or that of a married people such as a wid-ow's pension. Some company sion schemes also will not parent's. The average amount make payments to an unmar-ried partner. spent on an engagement ring is around £550. Most standard contents policies automati-Money Guardian is edited cally cover items worth up to

£1,000 or £1,500 against loss or damage in the home, so only by Margaret Hughes

very expensive rings will have to be specified separately. But only if your policy in-cludes "all risks" cover for in-dividual valuable items will you have a valid claim should your ring be lost, stolen or

damaged while outside the home. Get a dated valuation when you buy the ring and keep it and the receipt in a safe place.

It makes sense to spend an

presents within 24 hours of the wedding, lost or damaged wedding rings and liability for accidental injury or damage to property. But one universal exclusion is cover for either bride or groom changing their mind and failing to turn up. And always read the small print carefully, cover varies extra few pounds on wedding

substantially from company to company. Some policies, such as Cornhill's Weddingsurance at \$46.12 covering cancellation insurance to protect against the expense of an unlooked for

disaster spoiling the blg day. While only an estimated one

in 80 couples buys such insur-ance, more of the 300,000 cou-

ples likely to get married this year might add it to their plan-

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day disasters recorded by in-surers is a bride whose £1.00 dress was ruined when her five-year-old brother painted on it, a groom who developed Wedding guests were forced to flee chicken pox the day before the wedding, a couple whose pho-tographer dropped dead when be arrived at the church, and a when sparks from the barbecue set summer wedding where the guests were forced to flee fire to the hotel when a spark from a barbecu The cover you would expect to find in a standard wedding policy starting at around £35 includes cancellation costs be-

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ever, do cover clothing throughout the wedding. Other variations to look out for include policies which cover wedding photos but not videos, those which exclude redundancy of the bride or groom as grounds for a cancel lation claim, and those includ ing Methodist, Ecclesiastical and General Accident which levy a £25 excess on all claims Cornhill's Weddingsurance is the only stand-alone policy so far to cover couples joining the growing band of romantics who opt for an overseas wed-ding, though Britain's largest facility.

wedding, typically 24 hours, you should check that gifts cially if you are going away on a honeymoon, leaving them unattended at home. A few insurers, including Eagle Star and Norwich Union automatically increase the maximum sum assured on home contents policies by around £3,000 for a month before and after a wedding. while others such as the Royal will cover wedding presents for an unlimited period so long as the policyholder tells them they are going to keep the gifts in the home. But not all companies offer this

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Kinnock joins **Snow Hill** bowlers

EIL Kinnock, European commissioner for transport, yester day abandoned the traditional cap of the Welsh val-leys for a City bowler to mark officially the completion of the £600,000 refurbishment of Birmingham's Snow Hill station.

The improvement scheme received a £145,000 grant from the European regional development fund. The centrepiece of the

refurbished concourse is a six-feet statue of the arche typal commuter. The piece, cast in aluminium, was designed and sculpted by Worcester-based John МсКеппа.

At an carlier breakfast with 130 businessmen at the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the former Labour leader called for a partnership be tween central and local gov ernment with the private sector to help resolve trans port difficulties and avoid

the errors of the past. "I see little possibility of getting a Trans-European Network developed without a partnership between both the public and private sec-" said Mr Kinnock.

Private investment must be backed by the public sector to mitigate the risks involved."



Top'n'rails . . . Neil Kinnock (right) unveiling The Commuter, with Ernst & Young executives at Birmingham yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN POTTE

Murdoch sells offshoot

Lisa Buckingham

EARSON, the media and enterainments group which is in the eye of takeover specula

sterday agreed to splash out \$590 million (£380 million) to buy the educational publishing operations of Rupert Murdoch's Harper-Collins group. The business, which gener-

ates sales of \$315 million a year, will be merged with Pearson's existing Addison Wesley Longman educational publishing division and will rank as one of the four largest

school and college book pub-lishers in the huge US market. Shares in Pearson ended the day 7p adrift at 683p after ear-lier plunging 30p as City deal-ers concluded the purchase would make the group a less

easy bid target. Speculation has suggest that US entertainment group-Viacom, and even Granada. still digesting its £3.8 billion Forte acquisition, were prowiing around the company. Sources close to Pearson dismissed both rumours. Pearson, which also owns the Financial Times, Madame Tussauds as well as Thames. TV and a stake in the planned

Channel 5, said the acquisi-

tion will double Addison Wes-ley Longman's existing business. HarperCollins College has annual sales of \$117 million, while ScottForman achieved revenues of \$199 mil-lion last year. Profits from the two operations totalled \$51 million last year. The company said yester-day that the acquisition would

"substantially improve the competitive position of its en-tire educational publishing division".

A larger powerbase is ex-pected to benefit Pearson's educational publishing operations which have recently per-formed poorly because of in-creased competition despite

having invested substantially | acquisition should boost Pear-

in the busines Pearson said that it expects the acquisition to benefit earnings immediately. Costs can be cut from the overlap be-tween its existing business and those operations it is buying, managing director Frank Barlow stated. The group is confident of the potential of its latest acquisition even though Mr Murdoch's News Corporation is not renowned either for selling assets cheaply or for disposing of businesses which have growth potential. The cash purchase will increase Pearson's debt to equity ratio from 5 per cent to 22 per cent. Mr Barlow said the

son's move into the CD-Rom market thanks to the increasing clamour for socalled "edu-tainment" as well as the growing discontent with classroom standards

prompting more purchases for use at home. So far, Pearson's \$460 mil-

lion purchase of CD-Rom specialist Mindscape in 1994 has not delivered the promised rewards and there is scepicism that the public will move as quickly to new technology as has been envisaged. The group's acquisition comes as the stock market is

engulfed by takeover specula-tion in the media sector fu-

elled by this week's planned merger of United News & Media, owner of the Daily and Sunday Express, and the MAI group which owns Anglia and Meridian TV.

That deal, which pre-empts impending relaxation of the cross-media ownership rules, is expected to unleash a wave

of takeovers. Pearson, which has trading connections with the BBC as well as an envied programme and intellectual property li-brary through operations such as Grundy, Thames TV and Penguin, is regarded as being strategically well-posi-tioned for the coming media

said. He said London allow-

Saturday Notebook MPs knife the nuclear sell-off

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Edited by Mark Milner

Ps on the trade and in-dustry select commit-tee have done inves-tors a favour. By scrutinising the Government's proposals for the sale of the nuclear industry well in advance, they have thrown much-needed have thrown much needed light on the financial complex-ities well before the sale pro-spectus has been issued. And they have demonstrated con-clusively that the nuclear industry is anything but a straightforward utility invest

The comittee's lucid analysis demonstrates an intricate knowledge of nuclear industry economics and the draft report highlights how the cost of meeting the liabilities could wreak havoc with profit forecasts. So large is the problem that the seven advanced gascooled reactors — all the as-sets bar Sizewell B — could be made uneconomic.

As for Sizewell, the logic behind the MPs' conclusions suggests that Britain's newest nic reactor should be excluded from the sale altogether because investors will be so uneasy about the pau-city of its operating experi-

The problem is not that the liabilities stretch over many years. If it were that simple, City investors could price the company accordingly and reckon to take a short-term

The problem is rather that the special fund being set up by the Government will not cover all the liabilities: about £1.4 billion of them will be left out of this arrangement. Who

will pay for these? Also, long-term liabElities may have to be dealt with much earlier than envisaged. If so, the cost escalates dramatically.

The result could be that the industry will have to fork out much larger amounts of cash from an asset base which is in irrevarsible decline as it nears the end of its operating life. Investors could only stand and watch while more and more cash is put aside at the very time revenue declines - a pincer squeezing

text. As it stands, the draft takes not a sledgehammer as is usually the case in poli-tics — but a stiletto to the privatisation case.

Pearson pressure

EDIA predators are now clearly out of the now clearly out to trap -- no question of waiting for the legislative starter's flag now the MAL United News merger is in the

open. Pearson's \$580 million (2380 million) cash bid for the HarperCollins educational publishing business may have deflected some of the beat sur-

entertainments such as Alton Towers as well as Lazards banking, the Financial Times and Thames TV - remains ripe for acquisition, even though Gerry Robinson at Granada, who contemplated the move, now has his mind on

digesting the Forte hotels em-The market gave Pearson the nod in terms of the price it is paying for HarperCollins Educational, but doubts must remain that anyone will come off the better when they are

buying from Rupert Murdoch. The deal promises to be earnngs-positive within a year, but the educational publishing sector remains hardpressed and salvation through new media, such as CD-Rom, is some way off.

By spending so much money Pearson has made itself a marginally more indigestible target. But, despite recent execu-

tive strengthening, the group is still regarded as an organi-sation of huge potential which somehow fails to capitalise ou its strengths. Pearson is strategically well

placed for the new media future. It has a huge intellec tual property bank, at a time when "content" is all the rage and it has a decent interna-tional spread. It is in harness with another huge brand ame, the BBC, in overseas

television markets. But despite the recent rig-our of shedding "non-core" of erations such as Royal Doul-ton, the group still lacks that

cutting edge. Against a backdrop of the stock market's love affair with all things media, Lord Blakenham and his managing director, Frank Barlow, may have only a short time to demonstrate they can exploit the

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500 building jobs at risk from deal

Tarmac to swap £600m of assets with Wimpey, writes TONY MAY

NEW round of swingeing job cuts in the construction industry was ushered in yesterday when Tarmac and George Wimpey clinched a deal to swap £600 million of assets.

An industry source said the deal, in which Tarmac is acquiring Wimpey's miner-als and construction business in exchange for Wimpey taking its UK and US private sector housing busi-ness, would cost more than

500 jobs. The Building Employers Confederation has aiready warned that 20,000 jobs will be lost this year as the industry shrinks — taking the total number lost since the recession started in 1990 to nearly 500.000.

As both companies warned that their 1995 profits were likely to be sub-stantially below the past year's levels, Wimpey chairman Joe Dwyer ex-pected between 100 and 200 redundancies in a phased programme at the company over the next 18 months. Tarmac chief executive

Neville Simms said the job losses would not be small. He added: "The construction industry is still shrinking and there is overcapacity in the market. We haven't decided on specific job losses yet. Some 4,000 jobs will pass

to Tarmac following completion of the asset swap when Tarmac expects to have around 24,000 employees. Wimpey's total work-force will be about 3,500 after 2,000 former Tarmac

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staff find themselves on its payroll. The deal, first announce in November, will make Tarmac the UK's leading construction company, while Wimpey will emerge as the UK market leader in

housing. Mr Simms expects to extract cost savings of £15 mil-lion or £20 million in the first year while, at Wimpey. Mr Dwyer said he anticipates savings of £5 million in 1996.

Tarmac expects its 1995 pretax profit to be at least £65 million after charging an exceptional £30 million

The construction industry is still

tional non-operating items. Last year Tarmac made a profit before tax of RIME minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's cabinet yes-£107.2 million and an oper-ating profit of £139.3 mil-lion but its bonsing and con-struction activities had a Institution of cabinet yes-terday submitted a bill to par-llament to clean up the messi-est part of the hundreds of billions of pounds in bad loans crippling Japan's financial difficult 1995 with profits hit by lower volumes and growing margin pressures system and handicapping its Control and the same day, the Eco-nomic Planning Agency (EPA) discovered with a note of tri-Tarmac will have the largest share of the UK minerals market, with about 25 wimpey, meanwhile, umph and relief "a moderate economic recovery". The bill to close seven bank-

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London branches. About 150 staff staged a one-day stop-page in protest at the bank's refusal to increase the Lon-don allowance, which has been frozen at £3,450 for five years. The strike was the latest evidence of growing tension in the banking sector. There have been 110,000 redundan-

Pauline Springett

cies in the past four years. The threat of more job cuts prompted a ballot to strike against compulsory redun-dancies by 25,000 BIFU union members at Midland, who started voting yesterday. In addition, many banks are at loggerheads with staff over

pay. Relations will sour fur-ther when the banks shortly unveil bumper 1995 profits. BIFU said yesterday's strike had mainly affected the

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forecast a 1995 pre-tax profit of not less than £15.5 million, compared with £45.1 million a year earlier and blamed its downturn on a difficult last quarter for UK housing and a sluggish performance in the US. The predicted drop includes a £3.5 million charge for reorganising its

construction unit

panies) is promised a hard battle in parliament, not least because it involves £4.4 billion of taxpayers' money immediately and possibly up to double that figure when tax write-offs and other sums are included.

Kevin Rafferty in Tokyo

The government has a comfortable majority in parlia-ment, but will have to face a growing groundswell of popular feeling against using public money, especially with rev-elations that some of the funds may end up in the pockets of gangsters behind companies that got loans from the jusen. To win over this hostile

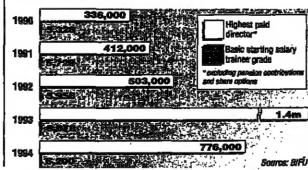


Royal Bank of Scotland's processing office in the City where nearly half of the 100 HE Royal Bank of Scotstaff joined in. BIFU spokes land was yesterday hit by strike action at its man Jerry Pickford said staff wanted the London allowance increased by 16 per cent to \$4000 Costs in London had risen well above the inflation rate in the past five years.

Banking salaries

public, the bill includes prom-

Salary comparisons, £s. A typical high street bank.



£4.4bn bill as Japan moves | Watchdog spells out Welsh to close loan companies Water takeover safeguards

Nicholas Bannister Technology Editor

ises to set up a special task force, composed of police and officials from the justice and AN BYATT, the water in-dustry regulator, yester-day published detailed plans to ringfence the fi-nances of Welsh Water's core business following the group's £872 million take-over of Swalec, the regional electricity company. finance ministries and tax agency, to recover as much of the bad loans as possible. "We will try to recover as

many loans as possible and clarify who is responsible for the housing lenders' bad loans." promised finance min ister Wataro Kubo yesterday. Another bill will probably electricity company. The regulator and con-sumer groups feared that it be presented to stop gangsters blocking the recovery of loans. This will give the gov-ernment the power to take possession of buildings used would be impossible to un-tangle the finances of the regulated electricity and water businesses once comas collateral, in some of which gangsters have their offices. mon operations such as bill-ing had been hived off to a Disposing of the jusen is the new facilities management difficult first step in clearing up a mountain of bad debts company within the en-larged group. However, Mr Byatt has got the Welsh Water direcofficially estimated at 37,500 billion yen (£240 bill-ion), but which may amount to tors to agree to conditions

up to double that sum. The bad loans have delayed Japan's recovery from four years of slump. Shusei Tanaka, the EPA minister raid vesterday: "Although the economy has again started to recover gradually, this does not necessarily mean that it has immediately got onto a full recovery track."

Travel costs had jumped by 50

ances had been introduced to A RBS spokesman said the compensate staff for higher strike had involved very few of its 4000 London staff. He stressed that all of the bank's costs of living in the south ea compared to the rest of the country. But the gap was now 46 branches in the capital had remained open. "There does not seem to be widespread support for this action," he

"much less than it was." Midland is planning to cut more than 3,300 jobs this year, many compulsorily, said BIFU. "Midland is expected

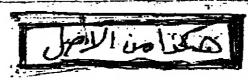
soon to report profits of E1 billion. What they are doing defies belief, " said John Braw-ley, the union's assistant secretary. A Midland spokesman said the bank was only losing around 400 jobs on a net hasis because it was expanding in some areas while closing

down others. Meanwhile staff at Yorkshire Bank are about to start their second week of an indefinite overtime ban over pay. Some staff in the bank's 270 branches have been refusing to work late nights on Thurs-days and Fridays. The union said the action could escalate Source: BIFU into a strike.

The company will have to carry out market testing, according to guidelines laid. down by Mr Byatt, to discover the correct market price. Failing that, he will set the price to be paid, tak-ing into account costs and a welsb Water announced last month that it had agreed to seek a listing for preference shares of the water company by the end of the century, instead of a full listing as originally sought by Mr Byatt. The regulator said yester day that Welsh Water bad agreed not to transfer any assets of the regulated busi ness to the facilities management company without his approval, and that it would appoint non-executive directors to strengthen the Dwr Cymru board. Mr Byatt said: "There is

concern — from customers as well as regulators about the possibility of cross-subsidy when the water business becomes part of a larger enterprise." My objective is to ensure that the business operates

bidden to pay the facilities management company in the interests of more than the market rate for work done on its behalf. | customers."



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enough, investors must also cope with what they least like: uncertainty. Ministers can give no assurances on the disposal of radioactive waste. There are none to give because there is still no detailed. strategy for dealing with the problem. Already Government advisers are warning that the costs of an alternative to the nuclear repositary pro-posed by Nirex "might be viewed by the market as unhandleable".

The emergence of the MPs' draft comes at a crucial point in the Government's cam-paign to win the hearts, minds and chequebooks of City in-vestors. The Government and the industry are sweating hard to complete the financial restructuring of British Energy through, at times acrimonious, negotiation. And within the next month the industry and its advisers are due to . brief analysts.

That campaign faces an up-hill struggle, particularly once this report is officially published. Even if Tory MPs man-age to water down its recomin the spring. Eat your heart out Deutsche Telekom? Not to be able to rewrite the entire | of OTE is to be sold.

News in brief

SFA lawyers to | bonds at £193 million. However this was the last full rule on Barings month that National Savings was able to benefit from higher savings rates than its high street competitors, hav-The Securities and Futures Authority said yesterday it would soon decide whether or ing cut its rates on January 26 after the last base rate cut. not to take disciplinary action **Pubs** takeover

against some of the former employees of the collapsed merchant bank Barings. The SFA, which regulates City brokers, said its lawyers had finished studying its report into the affair. Pub operator and owner United Breweries is buying Marr Holdings, which owns and operates 134 pubs, for £19.75 million. United also an-"They will be making a deci-sion concerning potential dis-ciplinary action," said a nounced plans for a placing and open offer at 50p a share to raise £8.95 million, a proposed 1-to-40 share consolidation, and a decision to change its spokesman, although he de-clined to indicate when this might be name to Inn Business Group. The SFA is believed to have investigated the actions of 12 United Breweries shares are listed at 11/2p each following their suspension in January when United announced it

former Barings employees. The report took ayear to com-plete and was finished last was in talks which could lead month. to a "reverse takeover". United described the Marr

Savings record

deal as a reverse takeover in Sales at National Savings, the the sense that its business was as big, if not bigger, than state-controlled savings insti-tution, last month reached a United's. record £1.51 billion. After repayments to savers it **Disney lands deal** Capital Cities/ABC Inc said banked £891 million new money, the highest monthly yesterday that it completed its amount since March 1994. The merger with Walt Disney and highest net contributions is now a wholly-owned subsidwere from Pensioners Bond at 2525 million and premium iary of the world's second biggest entertainment group.

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strategic vantage point they have created. **Greece** calling

HREE years ago Greece looked to be proceeding boldly with the privatisa-tion of its telecomunications group, OTE. A large; albeit minority, holding was to be sold off and a foreign partner brought in to provide the technical expertise OTE required to bring it up to date.

The foreign partner idea was always a difficult one for Greece, since OTE handles the country's defence communi-cations and it was no real sur-prise when the idea fell victim to a change of government. However, privatisation remained on the stocks and there were plans to sell up to 25 per cent of OTE last year. This failed to materialise. The official version blamed poor market conditions. Critics blamed poor preparation. Now the Greek government is trying again, with part of OTE to be affered to investors

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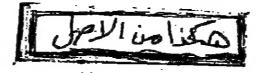
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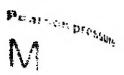


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Brussels thinks the unthinkable for Common Agriculture Policy as governments break out the beer and sandwiches to meet trade unions

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more than three million. As dole queues lengthen cross the European Union, the search is on for ways of creat-

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ing jobs. European Commission president Jacques Santer is calling a crisis summit of governments, employers and trade unions in May to agree action. The choice of Lille in northern France to host the Group of Seven leading industrialised countries' forum on unemployment in April looks particularly apposite. In Brussels there is a grow-

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ing perception that the success or failure in bringing down unemployment over the next two years could help decide whether monetary union starts in 1999

The Commission is now ployment in Gerconsidering the unthinkable many topped four - switching its budget prior-ities from agriculture to emmillion, while in France it is already ployment-sensitive prorammes such as the trans-European infrastructure networks and industrial research. Last year EU farm spending came in under budget by around £1.8 billion, an underspend expected to grow over the next three years.

The trouble is that money cannot be easily switched between different EU budget spending lines without the ap proval of national govern-ments. Traditionally, member states insist that spare cash is handed back to them. This time even UK Treasury mini ters may find it hard to resist

earners were lucky to take home half their gross pay. It the switching of EU funds to fight unemployment. said: "Production costs are In Germany, the govern-ment is encouraging tripartite efforts to tackle dole queues. now estimated to be so high

In Belgium, talks involving as pointless. Overheads are sovernment, employers and ecoming more important nions will be held this week than direct wage costs and Hard bargaining may be needed. Germany's plan to ong term have risen clearly faster than direct labour wages. Reunification has also trade wage restraint for job creation put forward by Klaus Zwickel, head of the IG Metall caused a substantial rise in the burden of deductions. union, came under fire from Social costs, or average.

come government economic dvisers; Swedish employers are on collision course with the government over plans to restrict overtime; in France workers took to the streets to rotest at welfare cuts. Germany's labour market problems are increasingly acute, with the social costs of employment meeting increasing criticism. The government's annual economic report complained that wage-

13.5 per cent on health insurance, 6.5 per cent for unemployment benefit and 1.7 per cent (later this year) on care o the elderly. An average industrial worker earns DM4,700 a conth (£3,136), with the emthat economic activity is see

ployer shelling out another 20 per cent of that on social costs For most there are another two months pay, presented as summer holiday and Christmas bonuses. More and more German employers talk of switching jobs abroad. In Sweden, the government

Report: GREG McIVOR, JOHN PALMER, ALEX DUVAL SMITH and IAN TRAYNOR

unount to 41 per cent of gross is considering restrictions on pay, borne 50-50 between em-ployer and employee. Of that, overtime to force companies to take on staff. The proposal 19.2 per cent goes on pension which would halve the amount of overtime in private ndustry, come amid growing calls from trade unions and opposition parties for a shorter working week in a

drive to promote job-sharing. The moves reflect growing esperation at the Social Dem

ocratic government's failure to make inroads into dole queues via the traditional ute of state-funded training chemes and financial incentives to employers. Despite an export boom that

has brought souring profits for many leading corporations. memployment is close to 13 per cent and rising. The prospect of capped

overtime has created a backash among companies, with elecommunications group Ericsson, one of the country's biggest employers, threaten-ing to move production abroad if the proposals go

head. "We need more flexibility in the workplace. not less." said Göran Whitlock. Ericsson's head of industrial relations. We cannot simply take an unemployed person off the street and get them to work 20 hours a week. They need train-

ing and that costs money." In France, efforts at a joint approach are already under ressure. The right-wing gov ernment has accused employers of pocketing job-creation incentives without taking on new staff

President Jacques Chirac alienated employers by blam-ing them for the 11.7 per cent unemployment rate. But the National Council of French Employers claims prime min-ister Alain Juppe is not doing enough to make it cheaper to A French worker earning the statutory minimum

monthly salary of Fr6.250 (£833) costs his or her employer Fr8.700 (£1,160). A spokesman for the national council said: "We are looking at an average of 50 per cent in peripheral charges, paid by the employer. The real problem is not, as is often stated,

the high cost of the French welfare system What cripples employers are local taxes and contributions to family grants which we do not think should be the rosponsibility of employers." The national council points

out that peripheral charges imposed on companies pape sent 17 per cont of gross industrial product. The figure for France's main trading partner, Germany, is H per cent. with Britain on 10 per cent and the US on 9 per cent The result is that French payslips contain enough words for a short novel. They are said to be so unmanage-able that if the whole country was given a rise at the same time, the compatter burden on the power supply would dim the lights. That would at least

bring them in line with the job prospects of too many in Europe.

Italy's solar energy sector hopes clouds will clear

JOHN GLOVER at Italy's showpiece photoelectric power station

OT far from the power station at Serre, near Naples, the air is fresh and otters frolic in a wildlife park. But this is not your usual power station. It looks like rows of greenhouses. There is no noise and no smoke. There are no trainloads of coal, oil tankers, cooling towers or tricky radioactive waste . . only a small office complex and rows of something that looks like glass.

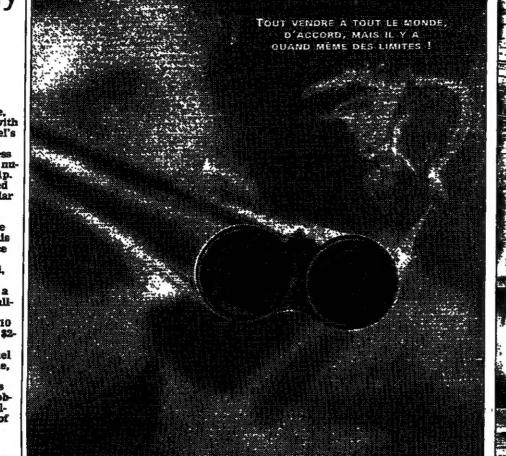
That is the opside. The downside is that there is not much power, either. Serre is the world's largest photoelectric power station. But it produces only a puny 3 megawatts of electricity from its 7-hectare expanse of 3 million silicon cells.

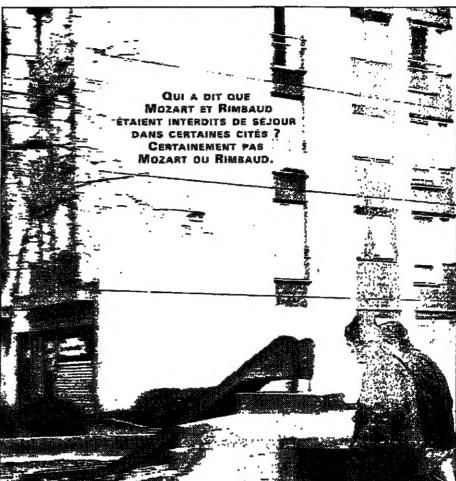
ers calculators and airport runway lights. At the other

price tag is 35 billion lire, and it will last 30 years with no maintenance. But Enel's station at Civitavecchia produces electricity at less than 4p per kwh. French nuclear power costs about 1p. Mr Vigotti is undaunted

by the comparisons. "Solar energy has far greater added value. We have to make it become one of the options." He is pinning his hopes on a fall in the price of photovoltaic cells. Though the raw material, sand, is practically free, turning it into cells costs a packet. But the price is fall-ing. In 1985, a module of cells cost \$8 a watt. By 2010 he expects the price to be \$2-3 a watt.

Italian law requires Enel to supply power to anyone, anywhere, at the same price. It occasionally uses solar power to meet this ob-ligation for isolated dwellings. But at not far short of £20,000 a plant, this does not have a mass-market Mr Vigotti's vision is dif-





The station's owner, Enel, Italy's national electricity utility, says it supplies power to 2,000 households. Photoelectric power pow-

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end of the scale, it powers satellites. The problem, ac-knowledges Roberto Vigotti, the engineer who runs Serre, comes in the middle: producing power for a grid-connected system - the only non-competitive part of the market.

The problem is the cost of the silicon cells that turn sunlight into electricity. It is about 2,000 lire (85p) per kilowatt hour at Serre, Mr Vigotti estimates. "A diesel generator costs the same overall. But this way it costs a lot at the beginning", he says. The Serre station's

ferent. Solar panels are tough and do not need to be kept clean. If their price fell a bit, they could be used as roofing material, he sug-gests. Houses would have two electricity meters, one measuring power consumed from the grid, mostly in the evenings, the other measuring power generated for the grid during the day, when it is most needed.

Householders would payor pocket - the difference. Experiments have been tried in the US. But a utility that was working on solar power research with Enel pulled out when it was privatised Now Enel is up for privati

sation. It remains to be seen what happens to its solar power research.

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Portugal plans to priva-

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□ Alain Gomez, chief execu-tive of French defence and

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Paolo di Torino SpA, Italy's largest bank, said it plans to

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the company, cutting its holding to 45 per cent to take

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Senate foreign affairs

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() Italian connoisseurs of eels | Sevillana, the two firms afand pickled gherkins can now eat their fill without worrying that they will be expanding the country's inflation rate as well as their waistlines. Eels and gherkins have been removed from the basket of products whose prices are used to calculate inflation as have tripe, pencils and typewriters. In for the first time come computers, compact discs and electronic keyboards while, in perhaps the oddest change, jigsaw puzzles have ousted toy trains.

Daimler-Benz will not take any responsibility for repaying DM1.5 billion (£670 million) worth of bonds issued by Fokker should the ailing aircraft company not be able to pay them itself, said Daimler chief financial officer. Manfred Gentz. Daimler, which took a 40 per cent stake in Fokker in 1993, had a contract with the Dutch government that ensured the independence of the aircraft maker, he said.

The Spanish government has voted to allow electricity firms saddled with debts from half-started nuclear power plants to spin these off into a special fund. Iberdrola and

For coining a Euro term

Our competition to name the coin worth one-hundredth of the Euro, as the single European currency is to be called, attracted a wide range of entries. Most popular was the pean (as in European). The Santa, evoking EC president Jacques (as in European). The banda, evolving to president bacques Santer and indicating a degree of scepticism as to prospects for European monetary union, was close behind. The prize, however, goes to Simon Coates for his Gallic pun in similar vein — the ter, Mr Coates notes: one euro equals cent (100) ters. The David Simmonds cartoon is on its way.

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Bullet points . . . Mouvement B Leclerc has stopped selling hunting rifles, at a cost of £13 million revenue a year, and started promoting Mozart and Rimbaud on housing estates

Hypermarket campaign puts conscience first

ALEX DUVAL SMITH reports from Paris on the overtly political message lying behind E Leclerc's novel approach to advertising

O MORE special-offer six-packs. Through a stark new advertising ulatory theme of changing society.

If an advertising executive's campaign, a hypermarket chain has declared war on the usual response to unemploy-ment and economic hardship French government's inaction is to play up the good times. Mouvement E Leclerc is doing in the face of mounting social the opposite.

The Mouvement E Leclerc, The stars of a series of fullpage black-and-white press ad-vertisements for E Leclerc hymany of whose 520 outlets are situated near France's bleak suburban housing estates, has launched an advertising campermarkets are lonely figures walking through bleak-houspaign around the self-congrating estates, a man stacking

trolleys and smoking gun barrels. The bold message is: "You may think everything has gone to pot. Let us show you

what we can do." This month, E Leclerc became the first of the main hypermarket chains to stop selling hunting rifles and ammunition — a decision which it says means sacrificing Fr100 million (£13 million) tates?

revenue a year. The chain — which, rather like Sainsbury, evolved from a group of family-owned gro-cer's shops founded in 1947 --is opposed to the liberalisa-tion of Sunday trading. According to one of the adverts,

featuring a man asleep on a centre of French people's consofa. "the Mouvement E Leclerc respects the individual" It also respects profits but, it claims, they must be earned with a clear conscience. With-out a hint of irony, E Leclerc is cised as superficial. launching "espaces culturels" in its hypermarkets. The ad-E Leclerc, which also has

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vert proclaims: "Who says Mozart and Rimbaud should be banned from housing es-In the week that the French

government renewed a ban on superstore development, a spokeswoman for E Leclerc admitted that the advertising campaign was political. She said: "We have high-

cerns: youth unemployment, the blighted housing estates and crime." They are also the issues for which measures taken by the prime minister, Alain Juppé, have been criti-

outlets in Spain and Portugal. is run along religious lines by Michel-Edouard Leclerc, the on of the group's founder. Stores are operated by self-

mployed managers who own their sites and must be sponsored by three other existing I Leclerc managers. Each must sign a charter pledging to draw labour from the local

lighted issues which are at the workforce and to share a quar-

ter of pre-tax profits with employees. The spokeswoman said:

We have always maintained a strong emphasis on social responsibility. Our decision to stop selling arms resulted from a referendum among our managers after police had told us that sawn-off shotguns are often used for violent crime. French hunters must apply for arms licences. But thes are easily obtained at the local town hall.

There are four million registered hunters in France and each has at least one rifle. According to police, 17 per cent of these weapons are hought in hypermarkets.

Spanish siege rewards 'Napoleonic invaders'

ADELA GOOCH in Madrid on the internecine struggle that opened way for foreign takeover

FTER decades of inter-A necine fighting, one of Spain's most famous family firms, Loewe, fell into French hands this week when Louis Vuitton-Moet Hennessy paid 20,000 million pesetas £108 million) to raise its stake

in the company by 70 per cent to 98 per cent. The takeover of the luxury eather goods and fashion house is seen by some employees as a "Napoleonic invasion" and coincides with the 150th anniversary of Loewe's

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> German, Enrique Loewe essberg, who joined Messrs Silva and Rivas in 1872, at first making pistol holders.

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Although Loewe has since branched out into clothes. per fumes, scarves, ties and other gift goods, ranging in price rom 2,500 pesetas for a key ring to 1.6 million pesetas for crocodile suitcase, its worldwhile fame rests on its sumptu-Spain's Socialist government. ous leather crafting.

volved the family once more in In Spain, which still ac-counts for just over half its 20,000 million pesetas turnover, the Loewe name and the high price tags of its goods have made it a bit-player in several scandals involving the cluding Vuitton. rich and famous. One concerned the former finance minister, Miguel Boyer, and

technically bankrupt, in-

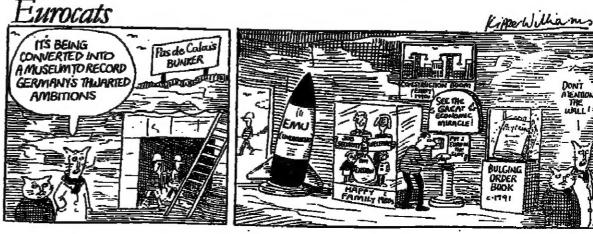
The takeover includes the final stake held by a Loewethe 0.2 per cent owned by Enrique Loewe Lynch. LVMH has taken on a highyield concern with a turnover of 21,210 million pesetas in 1995 and 650 million pesetas profit up 389 per cent on 1985. There are 18 Loewe shops throughout Spain and 55 abroad. The company's most important foreign market is Japan, with 30 shops, where

prices are up to four times higher than in Europe. The new owner guarantees that Loewe will retain its Spanish identity and high standards. A Loewe handbag undergoes as many as 20 quality controls and is almost entirely handmade.

But some of Loewe's 900 employees, who average 15 years' service with the turn, have expressed fears that the company's family feel may disappear.

running the firm and in further conflict, as Enrique will benefit from its new sta-Loewe Knappe fell out with bility. LVMH, whose other ashis son Enrique Loewe Lynch and founded his own chain of shops. It also brought in a new sets include Christian Dior, Cellini, Christian Lacroix and Moet and Chandon, also has group of foreign investors, inan option to buy out the further 6.4 per cent owned by Last October, LVMH, with Spanish group, Gabriel Gar-30 per cent of the stock. cia Alonso.





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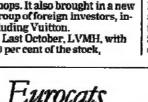


to open a new shop in Barce-lona. Loewe's international debut in London brought the two men into conflict and in 1979 German sold out to the Rumasa group, which was subsequently taken over by

creation by two Spaniards, José Silva and Florencio Rivas -although ironically, the company draws its name from

his love affair, while in office, with a socialite. Their liaison became public when Mr Boyer slipped into a branch of Loewe

son of the original Loewe. began to expand the company, charging his brother Germán



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ALEX BRUMMER in Tel Aviv ventures into Israel's hi-tech world where defence know-how is powering economic revival

Nice work for spooks

HE London Stock Exchange's search for a reliable voice ogging system, de signed to provide high-quality digital recording, storage and retrieval of all calls conducted by its members, has ended with the decision to sign a con-tract with Israeli-based Nice

systems. In opting for NiceLog — a state of the art technology developed by former members of a secret intelligence unit — the Stock Exchange is following several other large players in the City, including ABN Amro, Deutsche Bank and UBS, all of which have recently switched to Nice

technology. But it is not just the City which is buying. At Nice head quarters at Kiryat Atidim, an unprepossessing industrial park north of Tel Aviv, final testing is underway for a new \$1 million (£667,000), 98-channel logging system — the larg-est ever developed — for Hong





Kong's new Chek Lap Kok Airport. A similar system has Levin and a team of five others from the same unit decided that they worked so well ust been ordered by the American Federal Aviation Administration, for dozens of US airports. Nice is selling an private secto

airport-based "black box" on which every message and sigwhich every message and sig-nal through an airport control tower is digitally recorded and logged, and can be retrieved instantly, even if the message to be analysed was transmitted months be-

The voice logger, next to be installed at direct selling in-surance organisations includ ing the UK's Bupa, is simply the latest brainchild of David Arzi and Benny Levin, the mid-40s chairman and president of Nice systems, who have brought to the commercial world the same drive and mission that they once deployed in Israeli signals intel-

igence, the equivalent of

intelligence, Messrs Arzi,

GCHQ. After working for more than 10 years in Israeli

together that they had some-thing worth preserving in the With the financial backing of the Discount Investment Corporation, which works with local and overseas part-ners in backing Israel-based enterprises. Nice was suffi-ciently successful by October 1994 to be in a position to sell off its most developed subsi-

dary NiceCom, a computer software outfit, to the US group 3Com for some \$60 milion, making all the original partners very wealthy. Instead of retreating to the

good life, Nice formed an alli-ance with the US group TRW and pressed ahead with its data communications and log-ging technology to the point that the rest of the company was valued at \$72.5 million when it floated on New York's Nesdaq market last month. The Nice story, that of a company whose founders

have made two fortunes in as many years by harnessing the hi-technology know-how of Is-rael's defence forces and



Listening box . . . Stock Exchange members' calls will be recorded by NiceLog, developed by Israeli ex-secret service members

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agenda, which are finding Is-The focus of research and and technology literate work-force so seductive. Much of the development was in two areas. avionics and aeronautics on design and architecture of Inone side and smart electronics, radar and communicawas carried out not in Silicon tions on the other. The nation's chief scientist Shuki Glaitman argues that some 80 per cant of Israel's technologi-

Three ways to success for the budding entrepreneur

THE office of the chief scientist, armed with an annual budget that this year reaches \$380 million (£253 million), dispenses cash to scientists and engineers with the most promising technologies. Office chief Shuki Glaitman was last year responsible for 2,400 programmes in 800 companies. There are three types of funding:

of hi-techology innovation and change which has become the main driver for its 1990s economic renaissance. As a result of the focus on markets abroad, the peace process in the region has brought it new opportunities in the Far East and elsewhere.

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Wall Street lawyer been doing since he went to British Gas, they aren't asking very loudly. He too will stand down

soon. But it is a pretty sure thing that he will not be hounded out like Mr Brown. The corporate world is full

know more but questions in-variably go unanswered. It just isn't done, old chap. But if it were, bad manag-

ers would not find it so easy to return, Overall, managers might perform better and with scrutiny like that, there would be no chance of rewarding failure.

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